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IDF curbs Phalange in Southern Lebanon

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

The Israel Defence Forces have moved to curb the Phalange in southern Lebanon.

Yesterday evening the issue appeared to focus on Kafr Falus, some 10 kilometres east of Sidon. Thousands of villagers reportedly demonstrated in favour of the Phalangists, hundreds of them surrounding the villa where the Christian infantry troops are based. The Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces also brought journalists from Beirut to witness developments.

According to a Lebanese Forces spokesman in Beirut, the IDF had requested the closure of Phalange barracks and other centres in Kafr Falus, Maghdoushe and Sabra. The Phalange radio said the IDF issued an "ultimatum" ordering the troops to leave by 5 p.m. yesterday.

According to one Lebanese Forces official, there are 1,000 Phalange troops in these bases. They apparently fear that the next step would be the removal of the four remaining Phalange bases in the area Israel expects to hold after withdrawing from the Beirut-Sofar line to the Aali River.

The IDF spokesman said yesterday that Israel has demanded the withdrawal of one "small base" of the Lebanese Forces in Kafr Falus. The Lebanese Forces were not given an ultimatum, and the IDF is maintaining contact with those engaged in implementing the decision," the spokesman added.

The Israeli move led to a wave of protests and a general strike in Southern Lebanon.

Pierre Yzbeck, a spokesman for the Lebanese Forces political wing, said some 8,000 demonstrators staged protest marches in

Maghdoushe and Sabra, demanding that the Israeli "ultimatum" be rescinded.

The Phalange radio said church bells were tolling in Sidon, Zaharani, Jezzine and Nabatiya. Troops reportedly opened fire near the village of Bramiya east of Sidon, and one motorist was "accidentally wounded," according to the radio report.

Hundreds of women dressed in black reportedly also demonstrated in Kafr Falus, but dispersed quietly after the IDF arrived. Tires were set afire, blocking roads.

A Lebanese Forces spokesman said, "We're not going to close them (the bases), but will not resist if they (the IDF) go in themselves and shut them down." One of the measures the Phalangists plan was for hundreds of protesters to lie on the roads leading to the militia barracks to prevent Israeli armour from reaching them.

An Israeli military spokesman later confirmed that there had been "disturbances" on the road east of Sidon, where tires were set ablaze and stone roadblocks erected. The disturbances "subsidized" spokesman said.

The tense relations seemed to highlight the changed relations between the IDF and the Phalange. What began as ties between allies changed after the Phalange massacre in Sabra and Shatila last September. The alienation deepened during the bitter nine-months of sectarian fighting between Christians and Druse in the Shouf mountains.

According to IDF radio, the lessons of the Shouf prompted the IDF "to take preventive measures" elsewhere in Lebanon. In the past

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NEWS ANALYSIS/David Bernstein

Israel's needs come first in South Lebanon politics

The stern warning served by the IDF on the Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces militia in South Lebanon yesterday has reinforced the impression, created by last week's cabinet decision to redeploy in Lebanon, that Israel is now determined to place its own best interests first — irrespective of past allegiances or commitments.

Last week's decision has been bitterly condemned by the Phalange, who fear that an Israeli withdrawal from the Shouf will lead to the ascendancy there of the Syrian-backed Druse militia under Walid Jumblatt and further destabilize the already extremely shaky regime of President Amin Gemayel in Beirut.

But Israel has nevertheless decided to redeploy, irrespective of the effect this may have on the political balance in Lebanon, or on its erstwhile alliance with the Phalange.

It has finally been recognized that Israel's need to extricate itself as far as possible from the Lebanese quagmire and reduce IDF casualties must take precedence over all else.

Yesterday's warning to the Phalange that they would not be

given a free rein in the Israeli-controlled south, coupled with the actual closure of at least one Phalange base in the area, is a logical extension of this new policy based on Israeli self-interest.

Israel's interest in Lebanon today would appear to lie no longer with the Phalange in Beirut, now that the dream of a united Lebanon under a powerful pro-Israeli Phalange-controlled government appears to have been irrevocably shattered.

Rather, it would appear to lie with the local population in the south, particularly the majority Shias, who share a common interest in keeping the PLO out and maintaining some form of informal good-neighbourly relationship.

To foster this relationship, it would seem that Israel must distance itself from the Phalange, loathed and feared by the Shias, who make up some 80 per cent of the population in the south.

Yesterday's decision would appear to be a move in that direction, serving as an unmistakable signal to those who would like to cooperate with Israel in southern Lebanon that its past association and alliance with the Phalange need not be an obstacle.



Capt. Charlie Greer of Atlantic City, New Jersey, opens the body of his Israeli-made Arava turboprop plane, which is to begin daily flights on August 1, carrying players from New York to Atlantic City's Claridge Hotel and casino. (UPI telephoto)

Strikes, protests go on

Prayers in mosques for Hebron victims today

Jerusalem Post Staff

Strikes and protests continued yesterday both on the West Bank and in Israel in the wake of Tuesday's murder of three Arab students in Hebron.

In Hebron itself, a curfew was reimposed just 45 minutes after it was lifted yesterday when residents stoned security forces and began to prepare for a demonstration. The curfew was originally imposed immediately after the attack on the Islamic College.

Local authority offices in all the large towns in the Triangle and in a number of other Arab villages within Israel were on strike yesterday in response to a call by the National Council of Arab Local Authorities.

Mosques throughout the country will hold special prayer services today in memory of the students who died in the shooting. Slogans condemning the killing appeared in Nazareth and other Arab towns in the north of the country on Wednesday night.

Police in the northern region were making special preparations to prevent any disturbances during or after the memorial prayers. Police fear there could be incitement to disturb the peace.

In Nazareth last night, local residents staged a demonstration to protest against government policy toward the Palestinians.

All shops in East Jerusalem were shut tightly yesterday as part of the general strike.

There was no evidence that either police or the Jerusalem municipality tried to stop the strike, and hardly any policemen patrolled the usually busy Old City streets.

The strike is due to end today with a mass memorial prayer at the Al-Aksa Mosque.

The end of the strike was declared in a leaflet distributed in East Jerusalem and signed by anonymous "national institutions and figures."

Sources in East Jerusalem said these institutions included the East Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce, charitable organizations and trade unions.

The leaflet blamed Israel and the U.S. for creating the conditions that led to the murders in Hebron. It singled out Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Housing Minister David Levy for particular blame, because of statements they made after the murder of yeshiva student Aharon Gross in Hebron three weeks ago.

The only exception to the general closing in East Jerusalem were a few bakeries, which sold bread through half-open doors. There were also a few vendors selling food from wooden crates in the middle of the streets of the Old City.

There were no demonstrations reported in East Jerusalem yesterday, and the throngs of tourists seemed not to care that the usually busy markets were so quiet and deserted.

In Kalkilya the strike was only partial and many workers went to work as usual. A car driven by a resident of Netanya was stoned in the village and a number of people were held for questioning. The car was damaged but there were no casualties.

The centre of Nablus remained under curfew yesterday after the death of an 18-year-old schoolgirl during disturbances on Tuesday following the Hebron attack.

The third victim of Tuesday's attack in Hebron was buried yesterday.

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JERUSALEM POST POLL

Opinion survey gives boost to Begin

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — If elections were held today, the Likud would return 50 seats and Labour 47. This compares to June results, showing 47 for Likud and 46 for Labour.

The poll was taken by the Modi'in Ezrachi Research Institute, directed by Dr. Sara Shemer, between July 12 and 26 among a

representative sample of 1,162 adults.

The NRP would net five compared to six seats last time. Aguda would keep its four seats, Tami would drop to two, Tehiya would remain at three and the Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui would take two each. Telem would capture one and Rakah four seats.

Arafat loyalists ask to be evacuated from Bekaa

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Besieged Palestinian fighters loyal to Yasser Arafat, under heavy fire from anti-Arafat rebels, appealed to the Lebanese government last night to help them leave the Bekaa Valley.

The plea indicated that the Arafat loyalists felt trapped in their last remaining positions around Shtura, where the Bekaa opens to the central Shouf Mountains.

After a day of intensive artillery, machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade exchanges, officers of Arafat's Fatah group asked the Lebanese to help evacuate them to strongholds in Tripoli. But with the Syrian Army in overall control of the Shtura area and the whole of north and east Lebanon, including Tripoli, it was not clear how the Lebanese could help.

Iraq claims Iranians routed in lightning attack

NICOSIA (AP). — Iraqi forces, backed by air force jets, helicopter gunships and artillery fire, launched a "lightning" counter-attack yesterday to rout Iranian invasion forces in Iraqi Kurdistan, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Describing the attack as "successful," the agency said details of the battles and "victories" of the Iraqi forces would be announced later. There was no immediate Iranian comment on the Iraqi report. (see page 4).

Sri Lanka death toll at 71

COLOMBO. — Seventeen Tamil inmates of Colombo's Welikada prison were attacked and killed by other prisoners, almost certainly Sinhalese, in the second mass killing at the maximum security jail this week, the government confirmed yesterday.

Three people also were killed on Wednesday in a prison riot in Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka, and one person was burned to death during a rampage by 130 sailors in the naval town of Trincomalee. Douglas Liyanage, secretary of the Ministry of State, told reporters. He also confirmed that two persons were

killed on a Kandy-to-Colombo train yesterday morning. The latest fatalities raised the official death toll to 71, including 35 Tamils beaten and stabbed to death by Sinhalese inmates at Welikada on Monday, and the ambush slaying of 13 soldiers last Saturday in Jaffna by Tamil terrorists, the incident that sparked the current violence.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 100, with several hundred injured (see report on Page 4).

Several Tamils also were injured in Wednesday's riot at

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U.S., Israel agree on joint Lebanon strategy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday reached agreement with visiting Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens on a joint U.S.-Israeli strategy for trying to ease tension in Lebanon.

At the conclusion of three days of intensive discussions, both U.S. and Israeli officials went out of their way to underline their newly realized common approach to the situation in Lebanon.

"I might say," Shultz told reporters at the White House following Reagan's 30-minute concluding session with the Israeli ministers, "that one of the things that came forward very strongly was the attitude of Israel — that this redeployment is the first phase toward total withdrawal in the context of the (Israeli-Lebanese) agreement."

A senior administration official, briefing reporters at the White House, later said the U.S. is now confident that the Israeli redeployment would actually help to con-

tribute positively to both the stability of the Lebanese government and the overall situation in the region.

Israel thus succeeded in easing earlier administration concerns that the redeployment would merely set the stage for a de facto partition of Lebanon.

Meeting with Israeli reporters at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, both Shamir and Arens agreed that the U.S. and Israel had basically resolved any earlier differences on the next steps in the search for peace in Lebanon.

Both ministers said the administration has dropped earlier suggestions that Israel announce a formal timetable for its complete withdrawal from Lebanon as part of its redeployment scheme.

Arens, however, confirmed reports that the U.S. differentiates between Israeli positions on the eastern front in the Bekaa Valley as opposed to other positions on the central and western sections of Lebanon. Arens said the administration sees the Israeli positions in the Bekaa — which are in very close proximity to the Syrian forces — as necessary pressure on the Syrians to leave Lebanon.

At the same time, Arens said Israel will not rule out negotiations designed to achieve a disengagement of forces agreement between Israel and Syria. "We are not opposed to it," the defence minister said.

U.S. officials urged Israel to delay its evacuation of the Shouf mountains until the Lebanese government reaches agreement with the Druse militiamen there. In response, Arens said that the Israeli redeployment is not contingent on such specific agreement although he insisted that Israel will try to facilitate one. He noted that Israeli "communications" with the Druse are better than those of the Lebanese government.

At the White House briefing, the senior administration official said the president raised other matters with the Israeli ministers — beyond the situation in Lebanon. Among the items discussed, the official said, was an appeal to Israel to curtail settlement activities in the West Bank. They also discussed what the administration official called "the lot of the Palestinians living under occupation and in southern Lebanon."

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Battles in Tripoli after Syrian pullout

BEIRUT (AP). — Pro- and anti-Syrian gunmen yesterday fought fierce battles for control of key positions in the heart of Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli after Syrian troops pulled back without warning to the outskirts of the city, Beirut Radio reported.

The state radio said the battles, in which both sides used artillery, erupted about 2 p.m., less than 30 minutes after the Syrians withdrew from their positions in Zaheriya, Rahbat and Kalaa in the centre of the city.

There were no immediate reports on casualties.

Radio reports identified the combatants as the pro-Syrian "Arab Knights", whose members are

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Syria says U.S. must alter its policy, not just its envoy

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Syria warned yesterday that the expected mission to the Middle East by new U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane would be futile and useless unless Washington changes its Middle East policies.

The official Syrian media described outgoing U.S. envoy Philip Habib as crooked and said the U.S. has to change not only its Middle East policy, but what it said was its entire pro-Israeli policy.

McFarlane, named by President Ronald Reagan to replace Habib last weekend, is expected to visit Lebanon, Syria, Israel and perhaps Saudi Arabia shortly to try to negotiate the pullout of Syrian

forces from Lebanon, according to diplomats in Beirut.

Syria has long criticized Habib as being hostile to the Arabs and refused to let him visit Damascus several weeks ago.

The Syrians have hinted that McFarlane may be more acceptable to them, but have kept up the anti-American tone of their official media commentaries since he was named.

"Any talk about replacing one envoy with another will be incomplete. What is important is to change not just one person, but the whole core of U.S. policy," the official daily *A-Thawra* said.

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Nahariya	62	24-31	31
Said	43	18-27	27
Haifa Port	50	24-30	30
Tiberias	40	24-34	35
Na'areth	—	20-28	30
Afula	35	23-31	31
Sharon	57	20-28	28
Tel Aviv	63	23-30	30
B-G Airport	65	23-29	29
Jericho	38	24-36	35
Gaza	72	23-28	28
Beer Sheva	46	20-31	31
Eilat	22	26-37	37

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Sephardi Council of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and environs, has elected Eliyahu Ohana to be its chairman. The council is the oldest of such representative bodies, set up in the middle of the last century by Jews in Jaffa. Ohana, formerly joint general manager of Barclays Discount Bank, is now a member of its board of directors.

ARRIVALS

Mr. J. M. Milson, co-treasurer, British Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem, and Rabbi Alan Burns, director of British Friends, for discussion.

DEPARTURES

A Knesset delegation led by Speaker Menachem Begin, for a two-week visit to Venezuela and Colombia.

Missing shell-shocked soldier found at yeshiva

By YIGAL BICHOV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOD HASHARON. — Reserve soldier Uri Haim, suffering from shell-shock in the Lebanon war, turned up last night in a yeshiva in Bnei Brak after having been missing for 20 days.

He was found in the yeshiva by a close friend. Uri had told the friend he was studying to return to an Orthodox way of life. It is the second time that Uri has embarked on such a course, his friend said.

Incubated at the start of the war, Uri did not return to his job but remained at home. When he left the house three weeks ago without informing his parents where he was going, they searched for him throughout the country with police help. But when his friend discovered through a newspaper report that Uri was missing, he searched for him in Bnei Brak where he found him. Uri phoned his parents close to midnight and apologized, but refused to disclose the yeshiva's name.

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predominantly Alawite Moslems and the anti-Syrian "Towhid Islami" (Islamic Unity) group, which includes mostly Sunni Moslems. The two have battled frequently in the past two years.
Beirut's state radio said "hundreds of gunmen have been seen roaming the streets of the provincial capital of northern Lebanon and many are poised on alert behind sandbagged barricades."

The Federation of Zionist Youth of Gt. Britain and Ireland invites past and present members to a

Plaque Unveiling

on Sunday, August 7 at 5.30 p.m., at the F.Z.Y. funded Oren Kindergarten, Givat Zion, Ashkelon (presently under reconstruction as part of Project Renewal, J.I.A. — U.K.). Further details: B.O.S. office, Tel. 051-37111.

HOME NEWS

Coalition stymied on large-families bill

Knesset may meet during summer recess

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset may be convened within a month to consider unfinished business, including the unsuccessful government bill giving cash grants to families with four or more children, to help them buy textbooks and school supplies.

The Tami-sponsored measure breezed through its first reading on Monday, and coalition leaders were confident it would also get favourable second and third readings before the house rose for its summer recess on Wednesday.

Three trouble began on Tuesday

morning, when Alignment-Mapam MK Yair Tsaaban learned that a so-called army service requirement rider would be tacked onto the bill before the final readings. Since Israeli Arabs do not serve in the army, no Arab family, regardless of size, would be eligible for the special allowances.

Arguing that this made the proposed law blatantly discriminatory, Tsaaban tried to block the bill's progress.

In a race against time, the committee worked all afternoon Tuesday and from early morning until midnight on Wednesday preparing the bill for its second and third

readings. A few minutes after midnight, a coalition whip made a quick head-count and discovered that seven pro-government MKs had gone home, leaving 49 opposition deputies and 43 from the coalition in the house.

With an embarrassing defeat staring it in the face, the coalition — with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim as spokesman — announced that the bill would not be voted on. Tami leaders were furious and warned they would upset the coalition if their bill fails when it comes up in an extraordinary session of the Knesset, probably in four weeks.

Ritchie had Israeli official as lover

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Rhona Ritchie, the former first secretary at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv who was given a nine-month suspended jail sentence in December after pleading guilty to offences under the Official Secrets Act, had a brief affair with an Israeli government official.

This is revealed in the report into her case prepared by Britain's Security Commission and released by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday.

The unnamed Israeli official was one of a number of lovers whom Ritchie had during her stay in Israel to study Hebrew before she joined the embassy. She attended Hebrew courses at Kibbutz Maayan Zvi and at a language school in Haifa.

Ritchie pleaded guilty to passing on information to an official of the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv, Rifkat Ansari, who was her lover.

The official report concluded that the information was graded "no higher than confidential," and that



Rhona Ritchie

its disclosure "would have been prejudicial to the conduct of international relations rather than damaging to security."

Shortly after joining the embassy in July 1981, the commission report states, "She became Ansari's mistress. This became, on her side, a serious emotional involvement. Ansari was a jealous lover who demanded that she should not go out with any other man." He was married but told her that he was separated.

The commission report exonerated the British Embassy in Tel Aviv saying that criticism of its failure to "be alert to the possible security implications of Ritchie's attitude to sexual matters would be both unfair and unhelpful."

The first secretary at the embassy, whom Ritchie succeeded, knew of her lovers but did not see them as a security risk, said the report.

Ritchie sought the secretary's advice as to whether it would be acceptable if a relationship developed between her and the Israeli official. "He advised her against it," the report notes.

But while the British Embassy is largely absolved, the commission report stresses the need for people in public service to be aware that "sexual relationships make them vulnerable."

Peres: Rabin's attacks on me are harming party finances

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday that attacks on him by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin have harmed the party financially. Rabin rejected the charge.

The issue came up at a meeting of the party's secretariat, which was discussing the party's serious financial situation.

Party secretary Haim Bar-Lev said that the party owes IS17 million to the Treasury — money it over-paid in the last Knesset elections. Some money was reportedly confiscated yesterday, according to a source in the party's leadership bureau, but Bar-Lev denied this.

Peres maintained that contributors have cancelled their donations to the party because of Rabin's attacks, but Rabin reportedly replied: "It's because of you,

Peres, that many people don't help the party."

The bitter rivalry between the two came up again at a meeting of the plenary of the leadership bureau. MKs Moshe Shalom and Michael Bar-Zohar said Rabin's attitudes have harmed the party and demoralized its MKs. Joining the call upon Rabin to restrain himself, Bar-Lev said: "After elections one must back the leader. We must demand an end to personal attacks instead of arguments over issues," he added.

Rabin reportedly charged at the meeting that Peres had conspired with the Likud during Rabin's term as prime minister to unseat him. "I suggest checking with (Prime Minister Menachem) Begin and (Minister without Portfolio Mordechai) Ben-Porat," some of those present quoted Rabin as saying, but others denied it.

Ghali raps Israel in ambassador dispute

Jerusalem Post Staff

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali yesterday accused Israeli officials of "ignorance or ill will or both" in the controversy over the return of the Egyptian ambassador to Israel. Ghali made the charge in an interview published in the state-owned weekly magazine *Al-Masra'at*.

He said Egypt had duly discharged its obligation — under the 1979 peace treaty between the two countries — regarding the establishment of diplomatic relations and exchange of ambassadors in early 1980.

"But the pertinent provision in the treaty did not include a commitment that diplomatic relations shall be permanent," Ghali said. "If the treaty had included this idea, it would have been in violation of the Vienna Conventions on diplomatic relations which make such relations and the appointment and recall of ambassadors an act of sovereignty, a state prerogative freely exercised."

"Israeli allegations, therefore, were prompted by either ignorance or ill will or both," he said.

HEBRON

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day in the village of Ramana. Many of the 33 persons wounded in the attack have been released from hospital.

Birzeit University announced yesterday that the graduation ceremony for 200 graduates scheduled for today has been cancelled in protest against the Hebron students' murder.

Leaders of Arab local councils, meeting in the northern town of Shfarim, sent telegrams to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor calling for the speedy discovery of those responsible for the killings in Hebron. They also demanded that Jewish settlers in Kiryat Arba, the Jewish suburb adjoining Hebron, be disarmed.

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.N. Security Council met late yesterday to discuss the situation in the "occupied Arab territories" following Tuesday's attack on the Islamic College in Hebron.

The meeting was requested yesterday by Abdullah Ashtal, the permanent representative of Democratic Yemen, who is also the current chairman of the Arab group here.



Relatives of Jews slaughtered in Hebron by Arab rioters 54 years ago sit alongside the graves in the old Jewish cemetery in Hebron yesterday. The anniversary gathering was also attended by hundreds of residents of Kiryat Arba and Gush Etzion. Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the assembly that rabbinical courts will be opened for all settlements in Judea and Samaria by Rosh Hashana. Minister of Infrastructure and Science Yuval Ne'eman said that a branch of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba will be opened in Kiryat Arba for the study of physics. (Only Lantzet, Scoop 80)

STRATEGY

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Special U.S. Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane is due to leave for the Middle East with a visit to Damascus already scheduled. Arens said McFarlane will come to Israel later next week, to report on his discussions in Syria.

The administration official said that McFarlane would be taking with him some "new ideas," although he refused to elaborate.

Asked what the major achievement of the talks this week was, Arens cited the new level of U.S.-Israeli cooperation regarding all matters in Lebanon.

The session with Reagan was also attended by Shultz, McFarlane, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, National Security Adviser William Clark, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis and other senior officials.

Shamir described the president as "very friendly." Both Shamir and Arens were clearly pleased by the reception they received in Washington.

Shamir said other U.S.-Israeli bilateral issues were thoroughly reviewed — including the current state of Israeli-Egyptian relations and pending Israeli requests for additional economic and military assistance.

Earlier in the day, the Israeli ministers had an "unscheduled session with former secretary of state Alexander Haig. They refused to disclose details of that conversation.

Arens said a major point in Israel's presentation this week was to underline the urgency of Lebanon taking a firmer stand in officially demanding the withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. Such a Lebanese position — "taken unequivocally" — would tend to "remove the legitimacy of the Syrian presence in Lebanon," it was contended.

Israel urged the administration to enlist the support of Western Europe and other Arab states in this effort.

On Wednesday night the two ministers were guests of honour at an Israeli embassy dinner during which the clearly improved U.S.-Israeli relationship was underlined by warm toasts delivered by both ministers and followed by Secretary of State George Shultz.

Shultz, in fact, called Arens and Shamir "old friends" and insisted that Prime Minister Menachem Begin had recently become his "new friend." Shultz raised his glass and proposed a toast in honour of Begin.

"It is a pleasure to work with you," Shamir told Shultz, obviously delighted by the warm reception accorded to Israel this past week.

Shamir was due to leave Washington last night and return to Israel, while Arens will remain in Washington for more talks at the Pentagon on pending Israeli military requests and closer U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation.

CORRECTION

The Capital Calendar section of today's *Jerusalem Post* announces events at the A.A.C.I. In fact none of these events will take place this coming week. In *Jerusalem* is a magazine distributed with *The Jerusalem Post* in Jerusalem on Friday.

IDF CURBS

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few weeks, there has been increasing tension in the Sidon area between the Lebanese forces on the one hand and Shia Moslems and Palestinians on the other. People were kidnapped and in some cases, shots were fired.

The IDF spokesman's official statement merely said that Lebanese Forces had established bases in IDF-controlled territory "in coordination with the IDF."

Israel has made it clear that "no activity would be permitted, unless coordinated with the IDF commands in the various sectors."

"As a result of deviations from plans," the Lebanese Forces were asked to evacuate a small base," the spokesman added.
Lebanese Army and Phalange spokesmen said they believed the move was designed to bolster Major Haddad. One added that "informa-

Airport police smash ring that sold stolen goods abroad

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Iim).

— Airport police this week uncovered a smuggling ring they say is responsible for transporting and selling abroad stolen carpets and religious articles worth millions of shekels. Four suspects have been arrested.

Acting on intelligence information, police on Wednesday stalked out the airport departure lounge. Rav-Sumal (Sergeant Major) Yanko Hershkovitz soon noticed a suspicious looking man carrying two heavy suitcases, who walked among the passengers without joining any departure queue for nearly five hours.

Finally the suspect was seen handing over the suitcases to an elderly man, who carried them up the stairs to the departure lounge. The detectives split up into two teams: one followed the first suspect and arrested him as he was about to board a bus for Tel Aviv; the other arrested the elderly suspect as he was about to board a Lufthansa flight for Germany.

When the suitcases were opened in the airport police station, detectives found seven valuable Persian carpets and a number of silver candelabras and other religious articles. The elderly suspect had baggage claim checks for two other suitcases, which were recovered from the plane before it took off. These contained small objects.

Some of the silver objects were immediately identified as having been stolen recently from the region. Other objects had engraved serial numbers, and police said these were stolen from museums or art collectors. Detectives said it would take some time to identify the owners of all the stolen goods.

Interrogation of the first two suspects led to the arrest later the same day of a third alleged member of the ring, a 17-year-old girl. She was arrested after arriving from Germany on a Lufthansa flight carrying \$15,300 in cash, allegedly receipts for stolen goods she smuggled to Germany. Police say she admitted to making many such trips on behalf of a fourth suspect, who was arrested yesterday.

The four were brought yesterday for a remand hearing at the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court. Shimon Heblashvili (Aharonovitz), 30, Holon, was ordered held for 10 days and is the suspected leader of the ring. Elihu Mastolov, 72, Beersheba, was ordered held for seven days as the suspect who was taking the four suitcases out of country. Yasha Spishavsky, 47, Or Yehuda, was remanded for three days and the girl, whose name was not released because she is a minor, was ordered held for five days.

Arbitrators in MD dispute begin work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three-member arbitration panel in the doctors' dispute held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in Tel Aviv.

The three-hour meeting was described by one participant as "businesslike, with a good atmosphere."

The panel, headed by Israel General Bank general manager

David Shoham, yesterday decided to hold all of its meetings behind closed doors. The general feeling was that a minimum of public disclosures would help streamline the proceedings.

The panel also decided to meet four or five times a week to speed up the work. Under the terms of the arbitration agreement, the panel has 40 days from its formation last Tuesday to complete its work.

70 honoured for valour by IDF

TEL AVIV (Iim). — Seventy persons who figured in the events commemorated in the Israel Defence Forces exhibition The People and Its Fighters were honoured yesterday by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy at the exhibition site at the Tel Aviv fairgrounds.

A century of Jewish history in this country was epitomized by the presence in one room of 90-year-old Nahum Horowitz, a former Hashomer guard and Israeli soldier who fought in the battle of Beaufort Castle in Lebanon.

Among the other personalities greeted by Levy were: Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Gibli (actions against fedayeen), Tzila Shoham (sister of Avshalom Feinberg, a NIF member), Aharon Yariv and Stella Levy (the Jewish Brigade), Yotef Avidar (one of the IDF's first generals), Arye Eliav, Shlomo Hillel and Shaul Biber (the "illegal" immigration), Ya'acov Ha'elion (Sinai campaign), Shimon Lahat (war of attrition), Danny Matt and Yitzhak Mordechai (crossing the Suez Canal).

The exhibition remains open until Tuesday.

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deeply mourn the death of the three people killed in the murderous attack on the campus on Tuesday, July 26, and condemn this foul act in which more than 30 people were injured.
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High Court to rule today on 2 summer time petitions

The High Court of Justice is to rule this morning whether to order Interior Minister Yosef Burg to show cause why he should not institute daylight savings this year, or to have two petitions on the matter considered by a bench of three justices.

In one of the petitions, MK Michal Harish said that he and 64 other MKs wrote to Burg, asking that he put the country on summer time for two months beginning on August 10. The letter asked that Burg give due consideration to the fact that the MKs are from the coalition and the opposition, and that they are a majority of the Knesset. These MKs, the letter said, represent a growing body of opinion demanding daylight savings time. It is possible to institute summer time, the letter also said, without violating the halacha.

But on June 29, the interior minister rejected the demand. Harish's petition said, Burg reportedly replied that he has received requests both for and against summer time from Israelis and from experts in the field. Furthermore, scientific research in

Israel and abroad has concluded that moving clocks up an hour is undesirable and/or impractical, Burg said.

In the second petition, two lawyers, Yehuda Roessler and Yehiel Yablonsky said they sent Burg a letter on the subject on July 3 and cited three new studies which concluded that summer time is desirable on economic and health grounds. But Burg also turned down this request, the petitioners said.

The two petitioners questioned the value of the material upon which Burg is relying, since "it is made up of the personal opinions of persons who are not experts, advertisements and newspaper articles."

When the court rejected a petition 14 months ago on instituting daylight savings time, the majority opinion emphasized that the interior minister must base his decision on factual, up-to-date data and not on past data. "The fact that the minister's decision in 1982 was reasonable does not necessarily mean that a similar decision in 1983 would be reasonable," the majority pointed out. (Itim)

Guides ambush tour groups led by 'unqualified' leaders

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Tourist Guides Association has begun "ambushing" tourist groups whose guides are not qualified, in an effort to stop illegal tourist guidance in the country.

Earlier this week, association members interrupted groups of tourists at Caesarea and explained to them that by touring with unqualified guides they were depriving Israeli guides of their livelihoods. They then gave each tourist an explanatory letter and flower and apologized for any inconvenience.

The association points out that clerical, foreign travel agents and other unqualified guides are breaking the law, in taking groups around the country. In addition, it says, guides who do not live in Israel are not sufficiently familiar with the country's sites and history, and

therefore give visitors a distorted view of the country.

In a cable to Tourism Minister Avraham Shari on Wednesday, the association warns that if the present protest action fails to stop unqualified guides leading groups, association members will take stronger measures.

Tourism Ministry sources said yesterday that according to an agreement between the ministries, clergymen may guide pilgrim groups in Israel, but only around places holy to Christians. If the Tourism Ministry finds any violation of this agreement, it will take appropriate measures, the sources said.

The sources noted that ministry officials hold sudden inspections of tourist buses and examine the guides' credentials, to prevent unqualified guides leading groups in Israel.

Kiryat Arba tractorist detained for 5 days

An employee of the Kiryat Arba local council, Rafael Honig, 30, was yesterday ordered detained for five days by the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court on suspicion of having used a tractor to destroy the skeleton of a building belonging to an Arab resident of Hebron. Judge Uzi Sivan also ordered police to release two additional suspects on bail of IS150,000 each.

The police representative told the court that the incident occurred at about 11 p.m. on Monday after Honig drove the tractor out of Kiryat Arba accompanied by the two other men who were supposed to guard him while he destroyed the structure. The damage amounts to IS12m.

He also told Judge Sivan that the three suspects are not cooperating with the police. Two other suspects are still at large, he said.

"The suspects' lawyer, David Rotem, told the court he has a letter from the Kiryat Arba local council saying that it had ordered the structure destroyed. The owner had not heeded council warnings that he did not have a building licence, the letter reportedly said.

When the police representative asked why the council refuses to tell the police who ordered the destruction if it was legal, Rotem replied that it was irrelevant who the person was since the destruction was ordered by the council. (Itim)

Pig hunters held after shooting man in chest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A man was accidentally shot in the chest by two men who were hunting wild pigs in the Bat Shlomo area near Hadera early yesterday morning.

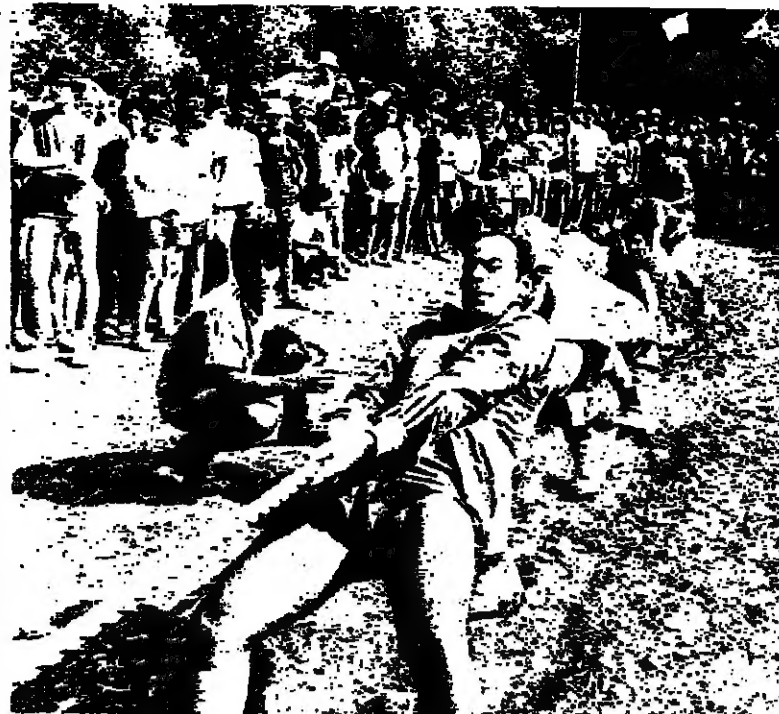
The hunters heard shouts after firing two shots at what they thought was a wild animal. They trapped the source of the cries and found 20-year-old Yusuf Ahmed

Atiya, from Ummaz-Zinat, lying on the ground with a bullet wound in his chest.

The two men, both from Nazareth, took the injured man by car to Hadera's Hillel Yaffe hospital where he underwent an emergency operation. Police were informed, and the hunters were detained for questioning.

APE — A two-year-old orangutan that was abandoned by its mother at birth and was raised at home by the chief keeper of the Safari game reserve in Ramat Gan has been transferred to the reserve.

SERVICE — All high school pupils will have to devote some time to public and community service as part of the compulsory curriculum beginning next year, a Ministry of Education spokesman announced.



Hashomer Hatzair members get their backs into a tug-of-war competition, one of several sports events yesterday at the movement's Shomriya jamboree near Acre. (JPPA)

Zadok raps Ariel Sharon for being a Joe McCarthy

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former justice minister Haim Zadok yesterday criticized Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon for repeatedly making accusations against the Kahan Commission without substantiating them. The commission investigated the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacres last year and came down heavily on Sharon, who was then defence minister.

Speaking over Israel Radio yesterday, Zadok likened Sharon's behaviour to that of the late U.S. senator Joseph McCarthy "who would say 'I have a paper in my hand,' but never showed it to anyone and never revealed its contents."

Zadok was commenting on Sharon's appearance on TV's *Moked* programme on Wednesday night, when Sharon blasted the Kahan Committee, saying it had failed to get at the truth. He added that he had proof of this, but had showed it only to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Sharon did not present evidence to back up his statement despite the interviewers' repeated requests to do so. He said he would present it to the public in good time.

The former justice minister said Sharon, like any other citizen, has a right to criticize the committee, but it must be done with the respect due to that body.

UNIFIL reports decreased tension in its areas

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The uncertainty surrounding Israel's future plans in Lebanon was marked by a decrease in tension in the areas occupied by UNIFIL troops last week, UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel reported yesterday.

He said last week was one of the quietest for some time, with no reports of any serious clashes between southern Lebanese militia units and UNIFIL forces — unlike previous weeks when their positions came under fire on several occasions. There were no casualties in the earlier incidents but the atmosphere was reported to be very tense.

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Road toll: 2 dead, more than 20 hurt

Two people were killed and more than 20 injured in road accidents yesterday and on Wednesday night.

Near Ashdod yesterday a pick-up truck driver was killed and a truck driver seriously injured when their vehicles collided on the road to Ashkelon. Two passengers in the pick-up were slightly hurt.

A 26-year-old woman from Rishon LeZion was killed yesterday when a bus and a car collided in Beersheba. Four other people in the car were injured. Two women, aged 35 and 71, were seriously hurt and two girls, aged seven and two, suffered moderate injuries. The bus driver also suffered moderate injuries.

Twelve other people were hurt in accidents in the Negev area. They included two policemen and a woman police officer, injured when their vehicle crashed into a truck near Yeroham.

An ambulance driver and a doctor who were travelling to an emergency in Rishon LeZion on Wednesday night were slightly in-

jured when their ambulance overturned as the driver tried to avoid crashing into a commercial vehicle.

In Haifa yesterday a 72-year-old woman pedestrian was slightly injured when she was struck by a motor cycle driven by a 17-year-old youth.

In another motorcycle crash in the city, a 17-year-old woman was seriously hurt when she suddenly swerved and hit an oncoming vehicle.

Four people were hurt, one of them seriously, yesterday when their car overturned on the Arava Road near Kibbutz Samar. The injured were a Tel Aviv couple and their son and daughter, aged 12 and 13. (Itim)

DANCERS — Twenty-five youngsters from Hora, the Ashkelon dance company, will leave on August 2 on a one-month tour of Britain. A highlight will be performances at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland.

Economic uncertainty brings huge foreign currency buying

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Uncertainty over the future course of the government's economic policy led to large foreign currency purchases in July. Bank of Israel officials disclosed yesterday that the public purchased some \$100 million for foreign currency accounts. This figure does not include sums purchased in notes and travellers' cheques.

According to the officials, the public has purchased some \$300m. for foreign currency accounts since December, with total foreign currency purchases (including cash and travellers' cheques) amounting to about \$800m.

The officials conceded that the growing demand for foreign currency is the result of widespread speculation about imminent devaluation of the shekel, resulting from recent statistics which have shown that massive balance of payments imbalances have developed in the last month.

During May, the value of foreign currency accounts held by the public increased by some \$250m., and in July an additional \$100m. increase was registered as a result of this speculation.

The Treasury has repeatedly stated that it will continue with its policy of monthly devaluations no larger than inflation.

Treasury officials have com-

plained that most of the speculation has been caused by the media and by politicians, who have created a climate of fear. "Every unbiased news item announcing an imminent devaluation sends the public to the banks," the officials said.

According to the ministry, the only step being planned is a proposed cut of IS\$0 billion in the government budget.

The Ministerial Economic Committee is to meet today to hear from the finance minister about his preliminary proposals for a cut.

The Treasury has stressed that the committee today will not go into the details of the planned cut, which are still to be worked out, but will deal with the general principles on which the Finance Ministry will base its final proposals.

In London yesterday, the dollar hit an all time high against the French franc and was higher against the German mark than at any time since December 1975.

Traders said that U.S. interest rates are expected to rise in the near future — and consequently, speculators are investing heavily in dollars.

In Paris, the dollar stood at 7.8915 francs (as against 7.8860 on Wednesday), and at 2.6263 marks in Frankfurt (as against 2.6230 on Wednesday). In Brussels it stood at 52.52 Belgian francs, up from 52.45 on Wednesday.

Ministry officials angered by rejection of tax-break bill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Top Industry and Trade Ministry officials expressed their anger yesterday at opposition Knesset members who blocked legislation granting tax benefits to investors in research and development projects, on Wednesday.

The bill proposed tax benefits for institutions purchasing shares issued by science intensive enterprises to finance large research and development projects. The law would apply to a small number of enterprises, especially to Elscint Ltd., and for that reason it was dubbed the "Elscint Law."

After weeks of discussion in the Knesset Finance Committee, the

bill was brought to the plenum on Wednesday for its third reading. It was defeated there by 46 votes to 45.

Industry Ministry officials accused some Alignment MKs who opposed the bill of acting out of "narrow sectional interests." They were against the bill, because enterprises owned by the Histadrut's Hevrat Ovdim holding company would not be able to take advantage of the tax benefits offered, they charged.

Industry Minister Gideon Palti said he would press for the Knesset plenum to bring the bill up again for a third reading when it meets for a special session during the current recess.

Graduation cruise to Egypt for sea scouts

TEL AVIV. — Fifty-five high school pupils, all members of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa sea scouts, yesterday set sail for Port Said.

The voyage, organized as the final activity in a sailing course, is to take 40 hours, after which the scouts are

scheduled to spend three days in Egypt.

Two motorboats are accompanying the young sailors, all of them 10th graders, according to Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi, head of the municipality's youth, culture and sports department.

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Lisbon police guarding foreign embassies

LISBON. — Anti-terrorist police maintained a close watch on the British, French and U.S. embassies in Lisbon yesterday in the wake of an Armenian guerrilla attack on the Turkish mission Wednesday in which seven people died.

Police also launched a nationwide search for other Armenian extremists or their accomplices still at large after the attack, the worst of its kind here.

The Armenian Revolutionary Army yesterday made telephone calls and delivered statements to international and national media in Lisbon claiming responsibility for the suicide attack, in which five gunmen, the wife of a Turkish diplomat and a Portuguese policeman were killed.

Meanwhile, France has formally asked Iran to assure the security of French interests in Iran, following threats by Armenian terrorists to stage a rocket attack on the French Embassy in Tehran, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

The French news agency Agence France Presse reported earlier that its bureau in Tehran had received a threatening telephone call from a person claiming to represent the Armenian terrorist band known as

the Orly Group.

"In the next 48 hours, the French Embassy in Tehran will be the target of a rocket attack," the caller told the news agency.

The Orly Group is believed to have close ties to the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA).

Since last Friday, the Orly Group has claimed responsibility for four bombing attacks in Tehran that were directed against the French Embassy's commercial office and Air France. There were no injuries in any of those attacks.

The abortive attempt to seize the Turkish Embassy in Lisbon has raised questions over whether Portugal is adequately protected against infiltrating extremists.

In a statement deploring the loss of life, President Antonio Ramalho Eanes lamented the lack of a national intelligence service.

The five Armenians who died apparently all arrived here by normal means in the guise of tourists and used two hired cars loaded with explosives. All had Lebanese passports, one of which had expired in March, according to police sources.

In Beirut, Armenian sources said yesterday the five Armenians may have been from the capital.



This "anti-suicide" sculpture atop the 50-metre-high Prison Ship Martyrs Monument in Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park has become a nuisance to police, because passersby keep calling in to report it as a person about to jump. The artist plans to move the 2.6m. statue, entitled, "Don't jump, fly," to the Brooklyn Bridge.

New peace effort in Latin American crisis

PANAMA CITY (Reuters). — Latin American foreign ministers, spurred on by a U.S. show of force in Central America, hoped yesterday to coax Honduras and Nicaragua into accepting a plan to stop them sliding into war.

A three-day conference brings together five Central American nations — Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala — with the "Contadora Group" of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama.

Western diplomats said the "Contadora Group" would try to persuade Central American governments to adopt its July 17 peace plan demanding an end to foreign military intervention in the region.

Yesterday's meeting follows the U.S. announcement that it will send up to 4,000 combat troops to Honduras, its closest regional ally, for the biggest maneuvers staged in Central America.

The move is coupled with the deployment of at least 40 U.S. warships to waters off Nicaragua, accused by the Reagan administra-

tion of being the junior partner in a Soviet-Cuban attempt to carry out a leftist takeover of the region.

Although the Pentagon denies the warships will immediately blockade Nicaragua, U.S. officials told reporters on Wednesday they were closely tracking a Soviet ship bound for Nicaragua's Pacific coast.

They said the 13,000-ton Ulyanov was due to dock tomorrow with a consignment of heavy arms.

Senior Pentagon officials said in Washington that more than 10 Soviet freighters carrying arms are en route to Nicaragua.

Nine other vessels have already unloaded their cargoes of arms in Nicaragua this year, compared with five such freighters last year.

In Vancouver yesterday some 200 Protestant church leaders from the U.S. demanded the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Central America.

At the UN, non-aligned countries on Wednesday night urged the U.S. to halt its military exercise and called for an end to all threats against Nicaragua.

Polish parliament endorses tough extra powers for state

WARSAW (Reuters). — The Polish parliament, meeting a week after the lifting of martial law, yesterday gave the government extra powers to counter opposition and prevent demonstrations and tightened censorship laws.

It passed amendments to the legal code prescribing up to three years in prison for taking part in a banned organization, like the Solidarity union, or one whose registration has been turned down.

It envisaged the same punishment for anyone found guilty of organizing or leading an illegal protest.

The bills, which were strongly opposed by the church and lay Catholic members of parliament, are permanent changes which augment temporary post-martial law government and powers to control security and the economy, valid to the end of 1985.

The Parliament also adopted a

package of tax laws which will affect virtually all sections of the economy as the government struggles to raise revenue to prop up welfare services hit by the crisis of the last few years.

Catholic and independent deputies fiercely criticized the penal code changes, which were passed with six votes against and 19 abstentions by the Communist-dominated parliament.

In the face of the Catholic opposition, the government cut out two other changes.

Iranians hijack plane

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — A commandeered twin-engine plane was hijacked by three Iranians who forced it to land at Manama international airport on Wednesday night, the Gulf News Agency reported.

Iran: 3 Iraqi planes downed

TEHRAN. — Iran shot down three Iraqi planes, including two Mirage jets and seven helicopters on the northern Gulf war battlefield yesterday, the national news agency Irna said.

Irna said the two Mirages were shot down by Iranian fighter planes and anti-aircraft defenses during a bombing mission over the Kurdish mountains, where Iranian forces launched a cross-border offensive on Saturday.

The agency said another plane was shot down in the same area 15 minutes later, at 7:00 GMT.

It gave no further details of the actions, but said five Iraqi planes

have been shot down since Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, in Zurich, the respected weekly *Weltwoche* reported yesterday that private American cargo planes "loaded with heavy military equipment" have arrived at Tehran Airport in the past few months.

In a Tehran-dated report from its special correspondent, the independent newspaper said the arrival of "Flying Tiger and cargo-luxury planes," which were loaded in New York and stopped over in Yugoslavia, was "determined by knowledgeable people."

Moscow warns it's prepared for new chill in E-W ties

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet news agency TASS said yesterday that the spirit of détente is being jeopardized by the West, and made it clear that the Kremlin is prepared for a new chill in relations if the Geneva missile talks fail.

The agency carried a commentary marking next Monday's eighth anniversary of the final act drawn up by the Helsinki conference on European security and cooperation.

The commentary said "certain powers" want to sacrifice détente to gain military supremacy.

Moscow has consistently accused the U.S. of blocking progress at the Geneva talks to insure the deployment of new medium-range missiles in Western Europe.

TASS said that the peoples of Eastern and Western Europe do not want to have to stare at each other through "a stockade of nuclear missiles" — a phrase used by Soviet President Yuri Andropov earlier this month when he warned visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl against the deployment of U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.

The reference has particular significance in the German context because Communist East Germany could be a base for new Soviet missiles deployed as a retaliatory move.

The TASS commentary said that the Soviet Union is still convinced that the goal of reducing the number of missiles in Europe can be attained, but only if the U.S. alters its stand.

Soviet radio buoy found off Greenland

COPENHAGEN (AP). — A 15-day search of Greenland's west coast to confirm reports of submarines prowling near U.S.-Danish defence bases has yielded a radio buoy used by Soviet subs to communicate with their home base, military sources said yesterday.

Maj. Kurt Broens-Hansen, spokesman for the Danish defence staff, said its Greenland command has confirmed that a two-metre long cylindrical object found by a fisherman last week on a beach near

Nuuk came from "a Soviet ocean-going submarine."

He said the command is trying to recover a similar buoy reported to be lying on ice about 300 kilometres south of Nuuk, off Frederikshaab.

"We know it came from a Soviet submarine, but we cannot say where or how it broke free," Broens-Hansen said, adding that much of the coast is subject to strong southwesterly currents from the north Atlantic.

French Jewish gang leader found murdered in Paris

PARIS (Reuters). — Gilbert Zemmour, one of two survivors of a notorious French Jewish gangland clan, was shot dead in Paris early yesterday, police said, adding that they believed the murder was an act of revenge in an underworld feud.

They said an assailant fired three revolver shots into Zemmour's head shortly before dawn, killing him instantly. Another Zemmour brother, Edgar, was shot dead by a hired killer in Miami in April.

Police said Gilbert Zemmour's body was found lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk in a chic residential area of Paris.

They said there were no witnesses to the shooting.

Gilbert, 47, was the fourth of the five Zemmour brothers to die in a hail of gunfire. Known as the "brains" of the family, he had in recent years conducted most of his business in Belgium, where he owned several night clubs. It is reported that he is to be buried in Israel.

The Zemmour brothers and their sister Rose, like other French Jewish settlers of Algeria, moved to Paris in the 1950s.

The eldest brother, Roland, died in a gutter in 1955 after being shot. The four others consolidated their hold over protection rackets for bars and restaurants and dominated gambling and prostitution.

Although the brothers were often implicated in illegal property deals, police were never able to pin a charge on them.

"They cannot prove anything against us," Gilbert once said. "If every time a thug is murdered they

say the Zemmours did it, it's because they want to make the family into the scapegoat of the failures of the police."

By the early 1970s, the clan "employed" more than 250 gangsters in a business earning an estimated \$1 million a month, most placed directly into Swiss bank accounts.

A string of nightclubs owned by the brothers across France, Belgium, Canada and the U.S. provided their cover.

With rival gangs from Sicily and the French town of Lyons on their heels, the tide began to turn and the second brother, William, died in 1975.

Adopting a lower profile, the brothers began conducting their operations from abroad. Gilbert, now the head of the family, worked out of Brussels, while Andre took cover on the Mediterranean island of Majorca.

Edgar, the "dandy" of the family, handicapped by bullet wounds received in a gun fight with police in 1975, moved to Miami, Florida, where he opened a restaurant and lived in relative tranquility until a hired killer shot him in his bed last April.

Gilbert, known as the "brains" of the family, returned to Paris from Brussels several months ago. His murder, at the age of 47, left only one member of the notorious Zemmours to carry on the family tradition.

Andre, alias Theodore, is said to be living on the French Caribbean island of Martinique.

Norwegian woman: Tamils burned to death by Sinhalese

OSLO (AP). — A Norwegian woman who has just returned from a two-week stay in Sri Lanka told a newspaper that she witnessed the mass murder of Tamils by Sinhalese mobs in the island nation where there have been four days of ethnic rioting.

"A mini-bus full of Tamils was forced to stop just in front of us in Colombo. A Sinhalese mob poured gasoline over the bus and set it on fire. They blocked the car doors and prevented the Tamils from leaving the vehicle. Hundreds of spectators saw that about 20 Tamils were burned to death," Eli Skarstein of Stavanger was quoted yesterday as telling the newspaper *Verdens Gang*.

Skarstein and her 15-year-old daughter Kristin returned to Stavanger on Wednesday.

The rioting erupted when officials brought the bodies of 13 soldiers slain by Tamil terrorists in northern Jaffna to the capital for burial on Sunday. The majority Sinhalese went on a rampage in the city's Tamil neighbourhood.

The newspaper quoted Skarstein as saying, "We can't believe the official casualty figures as reported here with only 60 or 70 people killed. Hundreds, maybe thousands, must have been killed already. The houses, shops and factories owned by Tamils were burned by mobs."

She said she and her daughter had managed to rent a car with a local driver who took them to the capital's airport on Monday. Their scheduled departure was postponed until Tuesday, so they stayed overnight at a hotel outside Colombo.

"Colombo was burning when we left. The drive to the airport was a six-hour burning inferno. Youth gangs stopped all cars and put those belonging to Tamils on fire. White foreigners were not threatened or hurt, however," she said.

"A group of Swedes we met told us they had also seen people pour gasoline directly over Tamils on the road and put them on fire. There was no mercy. Women, children and old people were slaughtered. Police and soldiers did nothing to stop the genocide."

TAMIL DEATHS

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Wellkuda, two seriously, Liyanage said. Security forces called in to quell the disturbance used tear gas to drive the prisoners back to their wards. A judicial inquiry has been initiated.

Liyanage said 17 large factories in Colombo and its suburbs, most of them producing textiles for export, had been destroyed. They had employed about 6,000 people.

But he said the violence was declining "if you take the tempo of attacks hour by hour."

The secretary of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, S.S. Jayawickrema, said riot damage was running into tens of millions of dollars.

A 15-hour nationwide curfew was reimposed at 9:30 GMT yesterday. President Junius Jayewardene reviewed the situation with the cabinet at an emergency meeting, and was due to address the nation on radio and television last night.

The guerrillas are fighting for a separate Tamil state in the north of the country. An attack by them in which 13 soldiers were killed on Saturday helped spark what has become the worst communal violence since independence in 1948.

Liyanage said violence has also spread to Badulla, a hill-country town, after engulfing Kandy and Gampola in the central hills on Wednesday. The situation in Kandy, once the Sri Lankan capital, has been brought under control.

There are 2.5 million Tamils in Sri Lanka, comprising two different groups — those living in the northern and eastern provinces and others working in the tea and rubber plantations in the central hills.

The community in the north, known as Ceylon Tamils who came to Sri Lanka centuries ago from south India, is the one demanding a separate state.

India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi sent her foreign minister to Sri Lanka yesterday in response to demands by Indian parliamentarians and the public for a demonstration of Indian concern about the slayings. (AP, Reuters).

Iranian spying charge

TEHRAN (Reuters). — The chief delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran, Jean-Paul Fallet, yesterday denied an official Iranian accusation that one of his staff has been spying.

Blast damages house in downtown Zurich

ZURICH (AP). — A group opposing new construction in a downtown square claimed responsibility yesterday for a blast which damaged an apartment house where the head of Switzerland's largest arms manufacturer lives, police said.

No one was injured in the explosion, which occurred in a building where Dieter Buehrle maintains a residence, police said.

Buehrle, 61, is president of the Oerlikon Buehrle group which controls the Bally Shoe Company, in addition to dealing in arms. It was not known if he was home at the time of the explosion.

Sports

Bright star

Post Sports Staff

Israel's new 800m. star, Mark Handelsman, brought a certain amount of radiance to the Israeli athletic squad on the concluding night of its international contest with Northern Ireland in Antrim, by winning the 800m. in the satisfactory time of 1:47.8, although he was not really extended. His Israeli rival, Oz Katz, came third in 1:49.1.

Generally, Israel did much better than on the first night, winning six events, including two women's events. Ireland won 122-89 in the men's competition and 94-67 in the women's.

Gideon Harmat came first in the high jump with a leap of 2.05m. Arye Gamliel took the 3,000m. in 14:11.82, a time below his best. Gil Lemel added the hop, skip and jump to the Israeli men's victory, covering 14.63m.

Among the women, Maya Ben-Tzur was victorious in the long jump with a leap of 5.86m., and Leah Brinjal triumphed in the shot put with 13.13m.

This weekend, the Israeli team participates in the Seven Nations Track and Field Tournament in Edinburgh. The squad is captained by Yair Carmi.

SA juniors dominate golf championships

Post Sports Correspondent

CAESAREA. — Four South Africans, all under 20, are from-runners in the Israel Open golf championships now being played here. Brian Schewitz, with a second round of 74, bringing his score for two rounds to 152, leapfrogged ahead of Garry Giehrst, who had a bad second round of 84, taking him to 156. Tied in third place at 159 are two more South Africans, Brian Brenner (83.76) and Garry Hesp (79.80), together with Israeli Gil Mandelstam. The third round will be played today and the final round tomorrow.

Great bowling shocks England

LEEDS (AP). — Lance Cairns, swinging the ball with deadly effect, took seven wickets for 74 runs yesterday as England crashed to 225 all out on the first day of the second test match against New Zealand at Headingley. At Stumps, New Zealand had replied with 11 wickets lost from four overs.

Put into bat by Geoff Howarth, England took command of the match in the afternoon session and reached 183 for 4 at tea. But in a dreadful collapse, the last six wickets tumbled for just 42 runs.

England struggled to 50 for 1 from 33 overs at lunch.

Even Chappell lost the bat several times and was finally rewarded for a fine spell when he had Foster caught as the wicket with a ball that cut away outside off-stump. The Lancashire spinner made nine and England were 18 for 1.

David Gower square cut Lance Cairns for four and then survived a confident appeal for 36 before, two overs later, Cairns made Gower play outside his off-stump and the ball went straight to Jeremy Conway at second slip. He made nine and England were 18 for 1.

But, after lunch, Alan Lamb hit a brisk half century and Ian Botham smashed a double-century 50 as England staged a brilliant counter-attack. The two scored at over a run a minute.

Lamb scored from 11 to 98 in 35 minutes after lunch and had put on exactly 100 with Chris Tavare for the third wicket when he was out. He clipped a ball from Cairns sweetly off his legs and Jeff Crowe, fielding at backward short leg, brought off a magnificent diving catch to remove Cairns from the afternoon session — and was caught by Howarth, the only slip-fielder. Tavare got a half-century.

Stoke Mandeville

Israel's men's wheelchair basketball team is in a strong position to take the gold medal in the basketball tournament in the Stoke Mandeville Games in England. By beating Japan 57-42 and then scoring a resounding 72-45 victory over the more fancied French side, it has gained three victories in four matches. The stars of these games were Baruch Haggai and Sasson Aharoni. Last year they took the silver medal, but have won the gold on several previous occasions.

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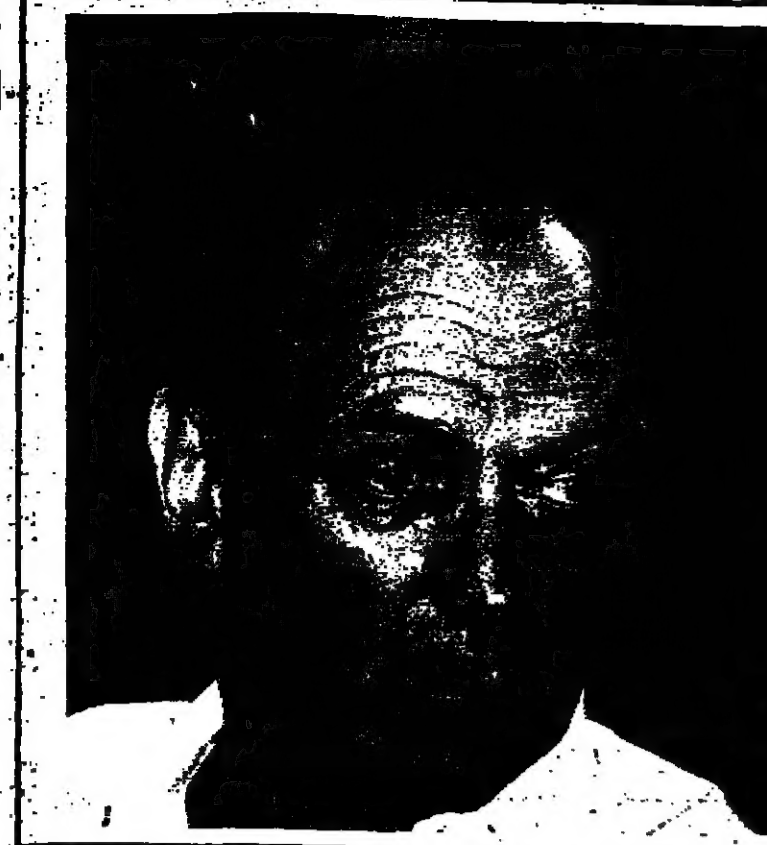
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First steps to a dialogue

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Correspondent



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A SMALL DELEGATION of Nablus Arabs, all university-educated and all upper-middle-class, belonging to families influential in the West Bank town since the Ottoman period, is going to Amman early next week.

The delegation expects to have an audience with King Hussein, and also to call on his brother Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, and several cabinet ministers.

The purpose of the visit is to have a series of "orientation sessions," mainly centering on the Hashemite regime's analysis of the situation in the Palestinian nationalist movement in general, and the West Bank in particular.

The delegation wants to know how King Hussein assesses the strength of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the wake of the Lebanon war, the present strife in the Bekaa Valley and the Syrian attempt to dominate or break the organization.

Depending on what they learn in Amman, the Nablus may be ready on their return to the West Bank to prepare the ground for Jordanian moves to show a greater interest in the affairs of the Palestine Arabs

who have been under Israeli control for the past 16 years and who are still Jordanians by citizenship.

The members of the delegation are known to have been dissatisfied with the PLO for many years. They are the anathema of the local Arab Communists, as well as of the Syrian-oriented "rejectionists." They have support in Moslem religious circles, and among businessmen who pray for stability, prosperity and conservatism. In a Western-type democratic election, unknown in most Middle Eastern societies, their chances would not be assured.

When the same delegation went to Amman in the spring of this year, they aroused the ire of their foes in the town. Some returned to find their cars burned and others to receive anonymous threatening letters.

BUT THE anger against these upper middle-class Arab intellectuals was due not so much to their conferences with the Hashemite leader, as to the conference they held prior to their trip, in Tel Aviv, at Labour Party headquarters.

Before next week's trip, having decided to be more circumspect,

the Nablusis did not go to consult with Labour leaders in Tel Aviv. However, one of the reports they intend to deliver in Amman concerns a thesis currently being advanced by a Labour MK active in Arab affairs for over 40 years. He is Amnon Linn of Haifa, son-in-law of that city's best known mayor, Abba Khoushy, who commanded intense respect among the Arabs of the north.

The Nablusis have shown interest in Linn's thesis that Israel and Jordan alike must strike while the iron is hot, taking advantage of the PLO's present straits to try and find whatever common ground they can on West Bank autonomy: the next and most problematic stage of Camp David.

(Linn, by the way, has been watching Lebanon for the past 13 months, and before that he had personal contact with several officers of the Christian Phalangist who spent time in Israel for military training. Linn was one of the first Israeli Arabists who warned that the government had pinned its entire Lebanese policy on unsound advice by the Mossad, and had spurned the more realistic analyses of IDF intelligence: this with disastrous effects which Israelis and Americans

will have to live with for years, he told *The Jerusalem Post* this week in the Knesset.)

The Linn thesis which will be mentioned in Amman next week holds that even if the PLO emerges as a more extreme force from its present trauma, it will still carry less weight in the Arab world than it did before June 1982.

Israel, having launched the Lebanon war for better or for worse in order to weaken the PLO, must now follow up the war with political initiatives aimed at the same objective of weakening the PLO, Linn argues.

The Labour MK told me in the Knesset this week: "No Israeli initiative will be any use if the West Bank Arabs on the one hand and the Jordanian regime on the other are unwilling to listen to it."

He said: "Listening is the first step. It could lead to a dialogue. But West Bank figures will only talk to us if they know they have the blessings of Arab states like Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as Jordan. Otherwise they won't take a firm stand against the PLO, however much they dislike the PLO."

"The key, regrettably, lies in the

hands of the Arab world and not in the hands of Israel," Linn said, apparently echoing a theme from his conversations with the Nablus personalities, and at the same time dismissing the argument of the late Moshe Dayan, that autonomy can be applied on the West Bank unilaterally, an argument which events anyway have proved less and less tenable.

LINN KNOWS that all talk of dialogue and autonomy are just as Utopian, unless the present government formally and genuinely forswears the aspiration to apply Israel sovereignty to the West Bank and thus annex it.

"We have to tell the Arabs: we know that the idea of a Palestine Arab state will not vanish until the idea of annexing Judea and Samaria to Israel is buried for good. We have to forswear annexation, so that the Arab world can neglect and abandon its call for a Palestine state, and thus permit West Bank leaders to talk to us about an arrangement."

Linn admits that no arrangement for the West Bank could be implemented unless it enjoyed a broad national consensus embracing the

Likud and Labour. "Otherwise we would have a monumental national crisis on our hands. We could not afford to live through an attempt to dismantle Kiryat Arba in the way that Yamit was dismantled," he warns.

At the same time, Linn believes that further settlement in Judea and Samaria would have to be suspended if Israel opened a dialogue with Jordan and the West Bank Arabs. If the dialogue broke down, settlement would be resumed.

The MK is full of reproach for the civil administration set up in the areas in November 1981 by former minister of defence Ariel Sharon. "It has been a failure. It destroyed existing spheres of agreement without finding others to replace them. It failed to make clear to the Arabs just what Israeli policy in the areas is all about. It failed to encourage and strengthen a courageous, moderate and credible Arab leadership. It failed to create amicable relations between Arab residents and Jewish settlers."

LINN BELIEVES that the most characteristic failure of the civil administration was with the village

leagues, which were supposed to form a bulwark against extremist circles.

"The leagues called themselves supporters of Jordan, but Jordan dismissed them with contempt because the Begin government ruled out Jordan as a partner in a political solution."

"They also said they were sympathetic to Israel, but they are called quislings by no less a personality than the new coordinator of operations in the areas at the Defence Ministry, Tat-Aluf (res.) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer," Linn noted bitterly.

"If you call an Arab who's ready to co-exist with you a quisling, that means you regard yourself as a foreign invader, if you remember the situation in Norway in the Forties, when the term quisling entered history."

In order to illustrate his allegation that the Likud governments made a total mess of their rule in Judea and Samaria because they had a zigzag, illogical policy, Linn quotes the comment by the present head of the civil administration, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ili, when he started his job: "I am talking over scorched earth."

HISTADRUT Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel last week wrote to Premier Menachem Begin, urging him to convene an emergency economic summit of the top people dealing with economic matters in the country.

The fact that he sent a copy of this communication to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor is indicative of the fairly harmonious relations that exist between the Histadrut leader and the former head of his Herut faction.

Meshel took this unusual step because of his deepening anxiety about the deteriorating state of the economy. His principal concern is that matters could get out of hand and that a tidal wave of inflation could sweep away all existing protective mechanisms, resulting in mass unemployment.

Meshel laments the lack of economic growth, the crisis in agriculture, the slump in exports and other danger signs in Israel's balance of payments deficit.

Why should organized labour get involved? "We consider it our patriotic duty," replies Meshel. "As Labour men, we may be in opposition to the government, but we are certainly not in opposition to the state."

He has the mandate of the Histadrut Executive to urge the government to protect made-in-Israel products. Imports should be curbed and greater attention and help should be accorded to the export drive. He will also try, as part of a change in current government priorities, to get at least equal attention accorded to Galilee and the south as to Judea and Samaria, whither all the country's resources are now being diverted, at the cost of neglecting the development of the rest of the country.

MESHEL IS proud of the Histadrut's current efforts to protect workers' jobs, living standards and the purchasing power of their wages.

Call for a summit

By MARK SEGAL / Post Political Correspondent

"We now have a new cost-of-living allowance payment agreement ensuring compensation for price rises every three months plus updating of tax gradations. All those who denounced the so-called secret 'Aridor-Meshel deal' are now about to get the compensation in their pay packet," he declares triumphantly. A national agreement has been reached for compensating industrial workers for pay erosion, and next will come the turn of the services' labour force.

He predicts industrial peace throughout the private sector in the wake of the latest cost-of-living allowance payment, plus the one-time compensation before June and another seven per cent in August. It should hold until the renewal of the country's collective labour contracts in April, 1984. "I must add one rider," he says. "The foregoing will hold as long as a situation of mass dismissals does not emerge. Hence my request for a meeting with the prime minister. I'm very anxious about future developments."

Meshel does not comprehend the wisdom of the government's economic priorities. "In the past eight months the prices of fruit and vegetables soared. Only this month did they drop. Just look at the price index figures — foodstuffs went up double in the index's overall increase. I don't understand how they think we can run the economy without proper planning. It's high time we returned to proper planning guidelines so that imports won't be cheaper than our own produce," he declares.

Meshel complains that too many countries export their unemployment to Israel. This is one of the few countries without any import barriers, and this encourages others to pursue a policy of dumping. It had also become that much more difficult to export.

DOES HE favour speeding up the devaluation rate to encourage exports? Guided by a number of



Yehoram Meshel (Rubinger)

economics professors, he generally believes in encouraging exports, but is unsure how the idea of devaluation would work.

What he most definitely opposes is any attempt to tamper with the long-standing cost-of-living allowance mechanism. "It's based on a system that enjoys credibility. Whoever seeks to undermine this credibility will create nervousness and damage labour relations," the union chief warns.

Meshel inveighs against "all those who want to cure the economy's ailments by imposing the main burden on wage-earners." The Histadrut is amenable to any discussion on increasing output and productivity, and it favours ad hoc arrangements. But Meshel vehemently opposes any idea of a package deal.

Didn't he make one with the first Likud finance minister, the late Simha Ehrlich? "And who torpedoed it?" he demands. "Not us." Meshel waxes irate. "They talk of a package deal, but really intend to shut wage-earners into a package, without any deal."

HOW ARE relations now between the government and the Histadrut? "Ambivalent" comes the swift reply. "Undoubtedly the Likud government entertains a fundamentally hostile attitude towards all that the

Histadrut has created and stands for. Their hate and envy take on various forms — and they strive to undermine Kupat Holim, our pension funds and our economic sector. But it is the government of the land and the Histadrut and has to maintain regular contacts with any government."

"I'm a social democrat, so I believe the only way to change a government is through the ballot box, otherwise it won't be a democracy. Obviously I must wage a struggle against Aridor's 'correct economics' and it's my right to hold that the Likud's third finance minister has brought us to an economic dead end. However, the only way to repair the damage is for them to confess to their original sin: Ehrlich's upheaval in 1977. No half-measures will bring succour."

Pressed on the nature of his relations with Aridor, the Histadrut chief declares that while the two are basically at odds on fundamental issues, their personal relationship is such as to make a continuing dialogue possible. "Aridor knows my views, and I know his. We agree to disagree, but I will say this: he has upheld whatever we have agreed."

DOES HE intend to step down? "I intend to complete my full term until 1985. I can't do anything other than stay on. After all, I promised my constituents that I would serve out my term. I remember being asked whether I would abandon my post for a cabinet job if Labour came to power, and I said no. I have said before, and I will say it again: (Deputy Histadrut head) Israel Kessar is my candidate for the job."

Speaking of the work ahead of him, the secretary-general declares: "The party's capability of returning to power depends on the measure of our success in this place. I have to provide concrete solutions for our members day by day."

Meshel says the Labour movement has to be pragmatic, and not pursue any ideological will-o'-the-wisp, if it wishes to be relevant and

survive as a force to be reckoned with.

Why, he asks, did Labour fail in Britain? Why did Felipe Gonzales in Spain have to change his party's line? Why is (French President Francois) Mitterrand in such difficulties? Why did Allende's regime fail? The answer is, says Meshel, because they sought to apply an ideology in the face of reality.

Arguing with critics at home, Meshel says: "The Histadrut cannot follow Lenin's line that the worse it gets in the country, the better it is for the party. Time and again I hear people urging me not to be so militant in fighting unemployment, as if the loss of jobs would benefit our party. To tell you the truth, these hidebound theories never work out in practice. I prefer to follow what Meir Ya'ari once said: 'Be radical in aspiration, and realistic in dealing with the facts.'"

Meshel is still full of impressions gleaned at the ICFU Congress in Oslo, where trade union leaders

from 60 countries representing 80 million workers discussed poverty, unemployment, trade union rights, political issues like disarmament and the Middle East.

The proceedings were dominated by the continuing economic recession and spreading unemployment — 500 million in the Third World and 90 million in the industrialized world.

The Israeli delegation, led by Meshel, found itself compelled to fend off an all-out attack from the Tunisian delegation and there was talk of a resolution on "Israel's settlement policy as an obstacle to peace." So Labour MK Meshel found himself obliged to defend abroad a policy he disagrees with at home. The Arab delegation's fiercest allies were the Norwegians and the Italians, with the Dutch and the British sitting on the fence. The return to the ICFU of a strong AFL-CIO delegation led by Lane Kirkland at this congress helped the Israelis ward off the attack.

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Plums for deputy premier

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THE SUCCESSION see-saw may have taken another swing, with Deputy Premier David Levy ascending to the heights, while other would-be heirs to Prime Minister Menachem Begin fall from their previous positions at the top. The latest development, which was hardly noticed in the flurry of recent events, was the co-option of Levy to the ministerial defence committee, a post denied him until he became Begin's sole deputy after Shmuel Ehrlich died last month.

Another plum for Levy, according to my Herut sources, is the rumoured Begin intention to make the man from Beit She'an the main cabinet address for domestic affairs.

MEANWHILE, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's aides are desperately striving to prove that their man is still at the heart of events... and they've had their hands full doing so. First there was the leaked story last week that Begin and Defence Minister Moshe Arens would serve in the cabinet team supervising the IDF pullback to the Awali River in Lebanon. That duo was only converted to a triumvirate after Shamir's protest.

Shamir also put himself in a less-than-tenable position this week. It started with him loudly denying — and dubbing a "media fabrication" — reports that he and Arens would be going to Washington at the summons of President Ronald Reagan. He made that statement only a few minutes before Begin read out his "Dear Menachem" letter from the White House.

The next day, Shamir's lieutenants issued a different version of the tale, maintaining that, contrary to the initial impression, the foreign minister had been in on the secret from the very start, and had been briefed by Begin and Arens before the meeting began. The Shamir camp also let it be known that U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis had flown to Washington, to convince his superiors at Foggy Bottom and at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue that the "two most likely successors" to Begin should be invited to the U.S. capital.

The two ministers took nine sides with them, in addition to security guards. Shamir's include Bureau Chief Yosef Ben-Aharon, spokesman Avi Pazner, legal counsel Eli Rubinstein, and the No. 2 ministry official, Haim Baron. Arens took spokesmen Nahman Shai, Military Secretary Tal-Aluf Daniel Yotam, coordinator of affairs in Lebanon Uri Lubrani, military intelligence chief Aluf Ezer Weizman and the head of IDF planning, Aluf Menachem Eliazar.

IN THE KNESSET they're saying that Arens' credit is beginning to dwindle. His most recent statements to the *Los Angeles Times* about annexing the West Bank and his advocacy at the cabinet meeting of banning Peace Now demonstrators but not the followers of Kiryat Arba's Rabbi Moshe Levinger from Hebron, have certainly shored up

his Right Wing against his sharpest critic, Ariel Sharon. The latter told the newly formed current affairs forum of Agudat Yisrael's Tel Aviv branch that Arens and Shamir were summoned to America to extract more Israeli concessions for Syria.

DEPUTY SPEAKER Meir Cohen-Avidov's role in the "sneak passage" of the archeology bill this week probably won't go over well with Haifa voters. Political sources say that there are not very many religious voters in the port city, and that most of the other citizens would be less than enthusiastic about the Likud mayoral candidate's "conspiracy" with Herut whip Ronnie Milo and Aguda MKs Avraham Shapira and Menachem Porush in pushing the ultra-Orthodox faction's bill through the almost-empty house on Monday night.

Just a couple of days before the vote, Cohen-Avidov spent many thousands of shekels on advertisements promoting his candidacy. Some Haifaite note that the photograph of the deputy speaker looked very much like Neville Chamberlain, but did not say that he was running on the Likud ticket.

SOME Foreign Ministry sources are less than happy about Shamir's decision to appoint Osvia Sofer, ambassador to the UN in Geneva, as the new envoy to Paris. It had been thought that the post would go to a veteran diplomat like Elyashiv Ben-Horin or Yosef Hadass. I've heard that Sofer got the job thanks to the lobbying of his patron, World Sephardi Federation President Nessim Gaon of Geneva, to whom he already owes his current assignment on the shores of Lac Lemann.

As the chief moneybag of Tami and a substantial donor to Herut coffers, Gaon wields considerable clout by remote control. It's even said that he saw Shamir during the latter's not-so-secret meeting in Geneva with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny.

I HEAR that Micha Yimon, general secretary of the Bar Association and NRP-appointed deputy-chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, is telling his friends that he is the chosen candidate of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer for one of two central positions due to fall vacant in the IBA in April, 1984. On enquiry, I was advised that Yimon has his eye on either of the seats currently occupied by IBA chairman Prof. Reuven Yaron of Herut and IBA Director-General Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, a professional newsman who was at one time active in the Liberal Party.

EGYPTIAN chargé d'affaires Mohamed Abdel Aziz Bassiouny and

his charming wife, Nagwa, were very much at the hub of society this week. Saturday night they hosted the highly successful party at the Tel Aviv Diplomat Hotel celebrating Egypt's National Day, — the 31st anniversary of the establishment of the Arab Republic of Egypt. There were about 1,500 guests, including Foreign Minister Shamir, Energy Minister Moda'i, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Minister-Without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat.

Of the 25 MKs present, the opposition contingent was led by Peres, Rabin and Mapam's Dov Zaklin, plus Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel.

The "exile of Caesarea," Ezer Weizman was there, as usual cracking jokes at the centre of a large circle; also conspicuous were the delegations of notables from the West Bank and Gaza, such as Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij.

Two days later the Bassiounys were busy again — this time hosting a farewell party for Embassy Counsellor Dr. Ahmed Mahmoud Gomaa at the conclusion of his three-and-a-half-year term of duty here. The party was, in effect, the inauguration of the official residence of the Egyptian ambassador, which the embassy has leased at 114 Hanassi Street, Herzliya Pituah, but which has remained unoccupied since the recall of Ambassador Sa'ad Mortada to Cairo in 1982.

Apart from diplomats like Australian Ambassador David Goss, the garden was full of many friends the counsellor had made since his arrival with the embassy's founding team. These included Ruth Dayan, whose Herzliya Pituah home he rented during his stay; her parents Zvi and Rachel Schwartz of Jerusalem;



Egyptian Charge d'Affaires Mohamed Bassiouny and his wife, Nagwa (right), chat with former defence minister Ezer Weizman and his wife, Re'uma at Saturday's Egyptian National Day reception in Tel Aviv.

her sister Reuma and brother-in-law, Ezer Weizman.

IT'S PLEASANT to notice the increasing number of women diplomats assigned to Israel in responsible embassy posts. Two of them gave parties in the past week and in both cases the entertainment was superior to that offered by their male colleagues.

French Press Counsellor Florence Prouverelle held a champagne party for the press corps jointly with a male colleague, French Political Counsellor Gerard Araud, at her

elegant Neve Avivim penthouse apartment full of furnishings and objets d'art collected during her previous postings in New Delhi and Lagos.

There was first-class Italian cuisine offered at the alfresco dinner party tendered by Italian Embassy First Secretary Rosa Anna Coniglio Papalia, in the garden of her Herzliya Pituah residence. Her mother, on a visit from her home in Catania, Sicily, found much similarity between Israel's climate and that of her home. The atmosphere was very relaxed, with

Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani and his fellow diplomats dressed informally.

Guests included painter Jean David and his cookbook authoress wife Suzy, as well as composer Dov (Dubby) Zeltzer and his spouse, Grazilla Fontana, currently on vacation at their Old Jaffa home from her international Milan-based fashion business.

WORLD Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman told the WJC Israeli Executive this week that PLO chief Yasser Arafat's best friend Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu is intent on mending his fences with the Jews, and plans to despatch his pro-PLO Cultural Minister, actress Melina Mercouri to Israel on an official mission. Having heard an Israel Radio report of Arafat's discussion with Papandreu of plans to base a PLO government-in-exile in Athens, I phoned Greek Diplomatic Representative, Ambassador Alexander Condouriotis, who said he had no confirmation of that story.

RETIRING, after 31 years with the Haifa Technion, is Carl Alpert. His post of executive vice-chairman is to be taken by Arnold Sherman, who will also focus on fund-raising.

JERUSALEM'S King Solomon Sheraton Hotel general manager David Goldstein had his hands full last Saturday night, when his hotel was besieged by half the youngsters of the Orthodox neighbourhoods of the Holy City. The magnet was Mordechai Ben-David Verdiger, 32, of Brooklyn, son of a famous *hazzan* and the world's most popular performer of hasidic songs. Hotel Rabbi Yossi Timmer is Verdiger's pal. The cause of all the fuss that night was a rehearsal-broadcast at the hotel.

Not for nothing is Verdiger termed the 'hasidic Rod Stewart,' and his fans are as fanatical in their worship as those who attended the Scottish rock star's show in Ramat Gan. I'm told that recently he packed New York's Madison Square Garden with *shetel*-wearing young fans. An eye-witness "at Verdiger's performance this week at Binyanei Ha'uma said it was as if *Fiddler on the Roof* had been produced by the Satmar Rebbe."

The show was nearly called off after two Mea She'arim rabbis, Yossi Stopper and Eli Hochsner threatened the singer with *herem*. As a devout Gerrer Rebbe hasid, Verdiger caved in. It's unclear exactly what financial arrangements he made with them, but he got the Binyanei-Ha'uma management to convert the auditorium into an ultra-Orthodox *shul*, for the worship of their musical idol. Women were admitted by a special entrance only, then shepherded along the corridors, cordoned off by thick ropes, to a temporary *ezrat nashim* upstairs.

ISRAEL'S fifth president, Yitzhak Navon, his wife Ofra, and their two children will next month move into their new home — a four-and-a-half room luxury apartment in Rehavia's Rehov Rashba, opposite the home of Mayor Teddy Kollek and wife Tamara. The Navons will pay one third of the \$900 per month rent, the rest being underwritten by the government.

EVERYONE remembers the two-week-old fuss after Yitzhak Rabin took issue with Shimon Peres' *Ha'aretz* article on redeployment in Lebanon. However, it is not known that Rabin's criticism was even supported by pro-Peres people like Yossi Sarid and Haim Zadok at a closed meeting of the inner Labour leadership. It seems that the Labour chairman's article, also sent to *The New York Times* was the fruit of the new influence on Peres of ex-TV military correspondent Amir Nir, today a hawkish strategic expert.

Pied Piper of Efrat

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVITCH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Shlomo Riskin...the struggle for redemption.

Instead of being in Israel two months a year and the rest in the U.S., Rabbi Riskin will now live in Israel 10 months a year and return (without his family) to New York in the summer.

The Lincoln Square Synagogue insisted that he remain its "senior rabbi" for 20 more years. During his eight weeks in New York, he will work with the congregation and encourage even more to visit Israel

and settle in Efrat or elsewhere.

Rabbi Riskin and his family spent the last eight summers at Kibbutz Rosh Tzurim in Gush Etzion as an educator. Thus, his children — now aged 18 (the eldest girl is a teacher-soldier) to eight — already view Israel as their home. He can think of no complaints against the absorption authorities. The family are living in a rented apartment in Efrat while waiting to occupy the villa

they are building nearby.

He sees Efrat as a bridge between New York and Israel. A Jewish retreat centre with sleep-in facilities is being planned for Efrat, so that many of his New York congregants may come for a few weeks or months to study.

A LARGE percentage of members of Lincoln Square are penitent Jews, and many of the couples married as a result of meeting during synagogue activities. The majority are aged 25-40 and have young children. Nearly all are college educated, and there are many highly successful professionals in a variety of fields. Thus they could be an excellent source of immigrants.

Many of their children have already been to Israel. According to regulations of the yeshiva high schools Riskin established, every ninth-grade pupil must spend his summer in Israel, as well as the entire senior year of high school.

The Diaspora, concludes Rabbi Riskin, has been "very good" to him. "I am very grateful for what America symbolizes and for its giving me the opportunity to build great religious institutions in New York. But one can't blind oneself to the fact that in America, there is a Jewish struggle for survival; in Israel, the struggle is for redemption."

He rejects those who compare America to Babylonia, where Jewish life flourished and reached a level higher than that of Jerusalem in those ancient days. "In Babylonia, Jews were a separate religious-political entity and the rabbinate held legal powers. The Jewish community operated as a state within a state. The Golden Age of Babylonia occurred at a time when Torah study in Eretz Yisrael was impossible because of persecution. But this situation is not parallel to what ex-

ists today; it is the exact opposite."

He cannot justify the decision of any religious Jew to remain in the Diaspora, "especially in the post-Holocaust era." But even the secular Jew on Rehov Dizengoff here "is expressing in a much more profound way the religious notion of faith in the eternity of Israel than the most pious Jew in Brooklyn."

Rabbi Riskin has debated with fellow Orthodox rabbis at rabbinical conventions and other gatherings about the imperative of aliya. Some contend that they must live abroad because they must help preserve the Jewish community in the Diaspora. Riskin argues that if serious efforts were being taken to preserve Jewishness in the Diaspora, this indeed may be an acceptable excuse.

HE MAINTAINS that so little is being done that if trends continue, Jewishness in the Diaspora will evaporate.

Denver, with 13,000 Jews, has an intermarriage rate of 92 per cent among young people aged 22-35. "If American Jewry were serious about fighting assimilation and intermarriage, they would muster all available modern methods, including TV. As it is, American Jewry is fighting these scourges with an inadequate rabbinic and very few gifted religious educators."

Rabbi Riskin will continue to fight the battle in his own way by training young Jews for educational work in the Diaspora who will return to Israel after a few years. "Children and adults learn much more from example than by preaching," he says. "As long as rabbis continue to live permanently in the Diaspora, it won't work." Rabbi Riskin has offered his own example with the hope that his congregants will respond to his call of "Follow Me!"

The Chessmasters: A Tale.



"Nu, did you read The Post today?" "I shouldn't know what's happening? Of course I read The Post!" "Just yesterday I says to my wife, 'Did you read Walter Frankl', and of course she did, because she has her own little kibbutz out there in the garden." "My son the doctor, such a genius. The Midas Touch, he has. He reads Joe Morgenstern's questions and answers on money Monday morning, runs out like the house is on fire, and he's such a genius he makes from a hundred shekels a million." "So you know my son the lawyer? The girls they run for him. He reads Asher Felix Landau's law report every second Sunday, even though he knows everything, he's so smart. And every day he fills in all the little squares from the Daily Telegraph crossword puzzle. I tell you, he should be prime minister." "Look between you and me, my favourite part of The Post is the big sports page on Sunday. The Dodgers, now there's a team for you. Koufax. He's Jewish you know." "A Jewish boy, and he's striking out Mays one-two-three just like that!" "Did you read in the Monday Post the New York Times Weekly Review? Everything you wanted to know what's going on in the world, but go know." "It's like I told my daughter, such a beautiful girl. She reads the Today Page on Wednesday. She could be a model. So I tell her that maybe Michael Elkins is right. You saw what he wrote on Sunday; I don't know, maybe I should write a letter to the editor." "So go be famous. Everybody reads the letters." "And Dry Bones? You could just platz." "Nu? It's your turn..." "I took my turn an hour ago. It's your turn." "No, I took off your pawn and then we had lunch. It's your turn." "There! Checkmate. So now it's your turn." "You want maybe a glass tea?"

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IN NEW YORK, the rabbi established the Manhattan Hebrew High Schools — respected yeshiva day schools — and the Institute for Jewish Experience in Bedford, New York, where unaffiliated Jews can experience Shabbat in a religious atmosphere and attend week-long seminars.

In Efrat, the newly-opened Gush Etzion town, Rabbi Riskin will head a yeshiva high school with dormitory (47 pupils, all Israelis, will begin their studies there in the fall) and an institute for the training of young Diaspora Jewish leaders.

Rabbi Riskin said he would have moved to Israel even if he did not have Efrat and its new educational institutions. But the fact that he can continue his life's work in similar circumstances makes the move just that much easier.

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READING the Higher Education Council's ninth report is a depressing business.

While the higher education network has, over the past decade, increased its intake of students sharply, there has been an astonishing reduction in manpower and material resources. It must be said that this cutback is very possibly exaggerated (if we disregard the cuts in building — which was, to my mind, exaggerated from the outset).

Now things have reached a desperate state. Prof. Haim Harari, chairman of the council, cries out in his report for a halt to further cuts. If we are to be a modern society 20 years from now, he says, we must not make any further cuts.

Israel's modern technological society cannot exist without the impetus of its people to acquire and internalize western rationalist culture. This would appear to be fairly clear to intellectuals today and to all those who care about the prestige of the IDF, science-based industry and a healthy intellectual and cultural life, not least so that we can integrate Western immigrants into a suitable climate.

I said that it's clear to anyone interested in the subject; this excludes, unfortunately, those in

charge of the Treasury, who, in their budgetary straits have turned again and again to cutting the higher education budget — apart from the yeshivas.

For the sake of the future, it is our duty to nurture the institutions of higher education, which have it in their power to transform the average provincial Israeli, who tends towards levantinism, into a member of an exemplary society of the kind envisioned by David Ben-Gurion. Or, if not exemplary, then at least enlightened, so that, as the Bible says, "the strength of Israel should not lie."

It is only right that higher education be given preference when it comes to the allocation of limited public resources. However, the reality is that it has been the favourite-cutting point of all budget pruners for the last nine years, especially since the Likud came to power. A long time ago (dating back to the days of Labour) they started trimming off the fat — if there was any at all. Today, however, they have just about begun to cut off the limbs themselves.

THE NUMBER of students at universities has grown by 30 per cent in the last decade. In contrast to this, augmentation of the student body,

WOLF AT THE DOOR

By YITZHAK TAUB

academic staff numbers have decreased by three per cent — impressive academic efficiency, but perhaps, as noted, excessive.

Technical and administrative staff has also been reduced over the last decade by 11 per cent — in other words, student services have been either closed down or curtailed.

To these figures, the following may be added: non-salary expenditure cut by 26 per cent; investment in building by 65 per cent and government allocation for building by 81 per cent.

Curbing the building mania which has descended on university chancellors (an example is the giant Mt. Scopus rehabilitation project) would be no great tragedy; however, this is not true of other

non-salary expenses. Who knows how many vital books remained unbought and how many lab experiments weren't done because of the budgetary cuts?

It's difficult to come to terms with a picture in which the government funds allocated to higher education within the framework of the usual 44 per cent budget (after defence and national debt repayments have been deducted) have actually decreased. Nothing reveals the scale of priorities of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's "I've got it" regime quite as much as the amount allotted to higher education.

Harari says: "At the end of nine years of cutbacks, we cannot but state unequivocally that the higher education system has entered a period of deep crisis whose results

will damage our security, our economy, our culture and our welfare in not too many years from now.

"There can be no science-based industry without a sufficient number of expert engineers and scientists; no advanced agriculture without the latest in agricultural research; no modern medicine without research into all fields of the life sciences; no defence without investment in basic science and technological developments and no cultural life without a wide infrastructure of humanities, arts and sciences."

THESE CHALLENGING words have not had much of an airing on the media, or in the mouths of politicians. We could be facing a process that may literally become a permanent national tragedy.

Everything we do not do today will have an effect on our children in the year 2000 and onwards. Harari correctly judges that if matters are not put right, "we won't get much peace of mind when we look at ourselves in the year 2000."

Someone has already remarked that the future has no pressure group; the Jewish sages hit the nail on the head when they declared: "A people without a vision will

degenerate." It's difficult to see the current anti-intellectual government as a useful address for Harari's protests.

Nevertheless, it appears that Ze'evulun Hammer is an exception, both as an MK and in his capacity as minister of education. He must have public backing in his just struggle for an alternative apportioning of funds between long-term and short-term needs.

Budgetary data shows clearly that the government's share in higher education (which comes from the tax-payer) even if it has gone down, is nevertheless decisive for the continued existence of the universities.

Donations from the West are influenced by economic ups and downs in the donors' countries, and recent years have seen a decrease in income from these sources. We cannot count on them as regular income. During the war in Lebanon, the finance minister prohibited the collection of funds from these sources for several months.

TUITION FEES, which constitute a small additional source of income, are fixed by the government, according to political pressure from the students, and are thus hard to raise.

Despite this, it would seem neces-

sary to raise fees by some selective method, so that students who can, should pay relatively much more as the "price" of maintenance at a university.

It is also advisable that students in need of public aid during their studies should, over a number of years, repay a portion of the public contribution to their education by the setting up of funds whose assets can be fed back to institutions of higher education and provide assistance for the education of other needy students. (Here there is room for a word of advice from university chancellors in conjunction with solid economic institutions throughout the country).

Finally, there are indications of growing business income of the universities, gained from, for example, selling know-how. It is important to remind the hard-pressed administrations that it would be unwise for the universities to get ambitious for profits from business rather than "lose" from teaching their students.

In conclusion, the wolf of levantinism is already at the door. Only the government can drive it away. And the sooner, the better.

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IN THE customary political haggling that marked the coalition negotiations for the first Begin government in May 1977, Menachem Begin rashly promised Agudat Yisrael it would move heaven and earth to amend the abortion law in order to eliminate the clauses which permitted legal abortions for social causes.

The vast majority of the Likud Knesset faction opposed that change. But two years later, Mr. Begin delivered on his promise by persuading his followers in the Knesset that the only alternatives they had were either giving in to Aguda on the abortion issue or ceasing to be the ruling party of Israel. The amendment to the abortion law was duly legislated.

We now know that the change has not made the slightest dent in the abortion rate.

In a television report on a completely different subject about a year ago, it was inadvertently discovered that a large number of Israeli women had been going to Arab gynecologists in East Jerusalem for abortions. We also know that the large number of Israeli gynecologists who performed

illegal — but medically safe and socially accepted — abortions during the many decades in which they were deemed illegal, before their legalization in 1976, have returned to perform these operations.

If the abortion rate has not dropped — which was the pious reason adduced for delegating abortions for social causes — the number of people who can formally be considered to have broken the law has increased astronomically.

And, of course, as the game is played, none of these "criminals" — neither the women in search of abortions nor the reputable gynecologists who perform them — have been prosecuted.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, a television journalist reported as a major expose that the Dan bus cooperative was surreptitiously running a regular bus service to the Tel Aviv beaches on Shabbat, disguised behind the facade of a bogus subsidiary company.

Public transportation on Shabbat has been banned formally since the *status quo* agreements that are as old as the State of Israel, and that have

A nation of 'criminals'

By YOSEF GOELL

been incorporated in every coalition agreement between the ruling Labour, and later the Likud parties, and their respective religious coalition partners. These agreements have been given substance either in Knesset legislation or in municipal by-laws.

The vast majority of Israelis travel on Shabbat, see nothing wrong with it, and have every intention of continuing to do so regardless of what their politicians concoct behind their backs. In Israel's first decades, that clash produced the major explanation for the phenomenal growth in private car ownership.

The Dan bus service in Tel Aviv on Shabbat was instituted for the

majority of Tel Avivians who are not in a position to buy a private car, but who insist on getting to the beach on Shabbat in the sweltering Tel Aviv summer heat.

The result of this sort of coalition politics is that a majority of the residents of Tel Aviv are also formally to be classed as criminals, as should the Dan bus cooperative.

It goes without saying that the authorities have absolutely no intention of prosecuting any of these "criminals." What the overzealous television reporter caused by his disingenuous reportage was the unleashing of a mini-coalition crisis in the Tel Aviv municipality, since the religious party councillors — who have always been aware of the Dan

Shabbat service — could not be expected to sit quietly by when the well-known fact is publicized in breathless tones across the nation's television screens.

IT IS NOT yet clear what the fate of the archeology bill — which Begin promised Aguda in his second term, — will be. The underhand way in which its preliminary reading was railroaded through the Knesset on Monday night has been ruled illegal by Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor. Legal experts are divided, however, over whether he had the legal right to make such a declaration.

If the archeology bill becomes law, it will make the continuation of digs at sites suspected of containing ancient graves dependent on the approval of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and on the rabbinate. Based on the precedents cited above, it is likely that most of the country's archeologists will simply not comply with this law and will, thereby, be added to the long list of other Israeli "criminals."

All of this adds up to a sorry tale of a political system and legislature which, in playing their peculiar

game of coalition politics, blithely agree to "criminalize" large sectors of the population.

It is mainly a game, and there is actually little intention of bringing the weight of the law down on the necks of these criminals, but the game contributes to the average Israeli's profound disregard for the law, and for the legislature that enacts it.

Disrespect for the law, and a willingness to flout it, are endemic in Israel. Moreover, they are not limited to a popular resistance to laws foisted on unwilling coalition partners by minority religious parties. Once established as a national norm, this willingness extends to traffic laws, income tax laws and the like.

THE UNDERLYING evil here is the retention of an electoral system which forces our major political blocs to depend on tiny, extortionate political parties — not only religious ones — for the formation of majority coalitions.

Now that the Likud has gained the self-confidence that should derive from two successive electoral victories, one could expect it to consider joining forces with Labour

to change the rules of the game with the goal of immunizing both from the pressures of the smaller parties.

The simplest way to do this, if they cannot agree on basic electoral reform, would be to raise the threshold for participating in the distribution of Knesset seats from the present 1 per cent to 4 or 5 per cent, as in West Germany. This would eliminate all of the tiny parties.

But if no agreement on such reform is forthcoming, the major ruling parties should recognize that the cheapest way of bribing potential coalition partners is with money.

Agreeing to bribe them with legislation that is unacceptable to the majority of the population, leads to widespread cynicism and disrespect for the law.

Major opposition parties, for their part, should be responsible enough not to seek to exploit, for their own short-term gain, any tendency on the part of the ruling party to resist the more extortionate demands of their coalition partners which the opposition, too, opposes.

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FROM THE proceedings of their executive committee meeting last Sunday, it appears that the leaders of the Histadrut have made up their minds to treat the public in Israel, and most specifically the members of the Histadrut, to a campaign of deception.

By a large majority, the committee passed a resolution, submitted by the leadership, expressing opposition to the government's intention to introduce legislation for obligatory arbitration.

There is not the slightest indication in the resolution or in the speeches at the meeting supporting it, as reported in *Davar* — the official organ of the Histadrut — of the crucial fact that the government's proposal is not concerned with labour disputes in the private sector. The measure is aimed solely at preventing the repeated convulsions in essential public services. Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel and the other speakers, as reported in *Davar*, pretended unequivocally that the projected legislation affected all the workers in the country.

The resolution states baldly that the "explicit significance of a law for obligatory arbitration is the denial of the right to strike and of the freedom of the professional struggle."

Mr. Meshel announced that he and his colleagues would go from work-place to work-place to mobilize opposition to the government's measure.

This can mean only that the Histadrut leaders' objective is not at

all to ensure a cool examination of the merits of the government's proposal, but, by an act of misrepresentation, to heat up an emotional resistant response by all the workers in the country to what they will be told is a threat to their right to strike.

There is good tactical reason for this untruthfulness. Mr. Meshel and his colleagues are perfectly well aware that the government's proposal is not designed to prevent the enjoyment of workers' rights, but to put an end to the practice of several specific groups of workers, specifically in public services, using their key positions to intimidate, to browbeat, to impose loss and suffering and hurt on the nation at large, or on part of it, until the government (or other public authority) gives in to their demands.

The practice has developed into a national trauma. Children have been deprived of months of schooling, whole areas in cities have been plunged into darkness, radio and television services have been blacked out, the national airline has been brought to the verge of ruin and extinction and — the latest and most gruesome ordeal of all — the nation's sick, except for those in immediate lethal peril, have been largely deprived of the services of their doctors.

It is this kind of "strike," this manifestation of the "professional struggle" that the government's belated proposal aims to replace by mandatory arbitration. Nothing else; and it is not likely that the general body of workers in Israel could be persuaded to resist this proposal — unless, indeed, it is misrepresented to them.

Histadrut's deception

By SHMUEL KATZ

TO ADD to the heating-up process, Mr. Meshel and his colleagues unblushingly describe the proposal for obligatory arbitration as being "repugnant to the democratic outlook." A measure to restrain a group of citizens, who happen to have been entrusted with weapons, from behaving like hijackers, from holding a pistol to the head of society, from using the public, or its weak and vulnerable segments, as hostages — is repugnant to the democratic outlook?

To compel the parties in such a dispute — where the only sufferers are all innocent citizens — to submit their case to a judicial body, authorized and protected by the law of the land, is repugnant to the democratic outlook? This is misrepresentation clothed, moreover, in demagoguery.

The essential issue is quite simple: Israel is not faced by a problem of social doctrine in labour relations. For many years it has been relatively free of "classical" labour disputes between workers and private employers. Strikes in private enterprises — usually affecting only the specific parties involved — have not posed problems to Israeli society at large.

The disruptions of public services have, however, over the years, become ever more serious, their practitioners ever more daring. Government after government has shirked the task of actively tackling their roots, and they have thus been sustained and encouraged.

A scientific study of strikes in essential public services over the past decade would no doubt reveal a clear escalation in the intensity of pressure and intimidation used by the "strikers."

The public was outraged when El Al workers at Ben-Gurion Airport harassed Jews of Orthodox mien; but this was but a mild step forward towards the ultimate horror of the Histadrut leaders' definition, was no more than the exercise of their "democratic right" in pursuing their "professional struggle."

TAKEN AT ITS face value, then — as it must be — the import of the Histadrut executive's attitude, published after the nightmare of the doctors' strike, is unmistakable: the workers' right to strike, in whatever way and by whatever means he exercises that right, is absolute. It overrides every other right, of every

other citizen, of every segment of society.

Once a group of workers has decided to strike, automatically invalidated is the right of the pupil to his schooling, the right of the citizen to his electricity, or his radio or television; even the right of the sick to adequate medical attention; the degree of deprivation being determined by the sacrosanct striker. None of these victims has even a forum to which to appeal, an institution which will weigh his rights. He must wait in patience, or in pain, or — if he wishes — screaming for mercy, until the "strike" has been settled.

SOME OF THE protagonists of the Histadrut position argue that obligatory arbitration is unacceptable because it "has not worked in other countries."

If this assertion were true it would be merely infantile for that reason to reject arbitration out of hand. After all, there are many elements in Israel's history and institutions which are unknown — and probably "unworkable" — elsewhere.

There is, at worst, no reason for not making the experiment. It happens, however, that the assertion itself is not true. There is at least one example of a land in which obligatory arbitration has worked.

In Britain (whose attachment to the democratic outlook the Histadrut leaders are free to question), arbitration was applied throughout World War II — not only in the public sector, but throughout the whole economy.

Of course, a state of emergency existed; of course there was a war on; of course a spirit of national

solidarity prevailed. Why can a spirit of national solidarity not be expected in Israel?

Moreover, when World War II was over, arbitration continued to rule in Britain for a further seven years — again, throughout the whole economy.

True, this persistence of national solidarity was facilitated by the willing cooperation of the trade unions, which recognized that there were national interests more compelling than their doctrinal right to strike.

That, indeed, emerges as the crux of the issue in Israel. It is patently untrue that the Histadrut leaders oppose obligatory arbitration because "objectively" it will not "work." From the outset, by the very terms of Sunday's resolution, they are making it plain that if it does not work it will be because they will have succeeded in frustrating it — even if, in order to do so, they have to go from work-place to work-place misleading the general body of the workers into believing that what is threatened is the workers' right to strike and their "professional struggle."

NOT THE LEAST distressing significance of the Histadrut leaders' attitude is its moral bankruptcy. There may indeed be some among them who are simply

mouthpiece outworn clichés of an earlier generation; but to most of them the moral implications must surely be clear.

It is not as if they are proposing an alternative solution to this painful national ill. They do not propose — nor have they ever proposed — any cure for it.

They are not calling on the workers in public services to demonstrate a sense of solidarity and responsibility with the people they are supposed to be serving.

On the contrary, they are in effect promising them that they, the Histadrut leaders, will do their utmost to ensure the perpetuation of their arbitrary power to intimidate and coerce Israeli society, unfettered by the civilities and restraints of law and arbitration.

THE GOVERNMENT, which has hitherto shown little wisdom or courage on the issue of obligatory arbitration had better now, in addition to translating its proposal into legislation, take action to explain to the public — and primarily to the workers — the thrust of its proposal and its limits.

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Falling in the drink

One-fourth of Israeli high school pupils drink alcohol at least once a week — and many drink more than that. The Post's D'vora Ben Shaul looks at the alarming growth of teenage drinking.

HER SON is a pilot in the Air Force, and she's worried. Not about the perils of his profession; like most Israeli mothers, she takes that in her stride. No, it's something else. "Whenever he comes home for a visit, the only thing that interests him is if there is any beer and if I bought a bottle of brandy," she said. "His friends who trained with him come over and all afternoon they drink beer...then about seven in the evening they start to drink brandy. They drink far too much and I'm worried."

She's not the only parent in Israel who has started to worry about the increase in alcohol consumption in Israel, particularly among the young.

Penina Eldar, head of the Ramat Gan Rehabilitation Centre for alcoholics, run by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, says that in a survey of high school pupils, they found that roughly one-fourth drink alcohol regularly, at least once a week, and many drink more often than that. Most alarming was a significantly high number who admitted that they drank alone at times, sipping white wine or beer while studying. The pupils claimed that they drank to "relieve tension," "improve my mood" and to "have a good time."

Sitting in a sparsely furnished room in the small residential hotel that serves as a rehabilitation centre for male alcoholics, Eldar spoke of the disturbing trend of increased alcohol abuse in Israeli society. "We always held to the idea that Jews just don't drink," she said, "but we see that it just isn't true in this time, neither in Israel nor in the U.S."

Although Eldar lists about 7,500 alcoholics in her statistics, she admits that this figure is very low. It only represents those who have come to her attention through doctors (alcoholism is not on the list of

diseases that must be reported), social workers and those who have themselves asked for help.

These, Eldar claims, represent a striking cross-section of the Israeli public. "We've had professors and rabbis, contractors and clerks here at the centre." Although the centre in Ramat Gan deals only with male alcoholics, Eldar says this is not a serious problem since she feels that assistance can be given at home to most women alcoholics, since only about 10 per cent of alcoholics are female. There is a problem in dealing with and treating single alcoholics, where there is no family structure to work through, she says.

The centre, poorly funded and lacking many necessary items, treats 25-30 patients at a time with full medical, sociological and psychological counselling. Eldar mentioned that they badly need books, puzzles and adult games, since there are no grounds or outdoor recreation facilities.

Eldar, who pioneered the experiments in rehabilitation of alcohol abusers, says that the new wave of teenage drinking is a complex problem, but that there are several things that directly encourage the abuse of alcohol by the young.

"First of all," she says, "the abundance of recreation is shifting to the pub...and the young people drink beer as a pastime. This is illegal, since it is forbidden to serve alcohol to minors, but no one asks."

In fact, anyone, of any age, can buy anything from beer to vodka at the local grocery shop or supermarket. In an experiment carried out by this reporter, alcohol was sold by three local grocers in a prestigious Jerusalem neighbourhood and at two supermarkets, to a nine-year-old with a shopping basket. No one raised an eyebrow, although he bought vodka, wine and beer. The only time any refusal was encountered was at the liquor store in a suburb where the at-

tendant asked my 15-year-old son for his I.D. card and, seeing that he was one week before his 16th birthday, refused to sell to him. But the pub and bars never asked at all.

"The other thing," says Eldar, is the booze posters, the advertisers. "Every youth paper is full of ads for pina colada and malt beer and British Shandy. The air waves say 'Give a Man a Beer.' Most of the drinks pushed to youth are non-alcoholic, but they come in almost identical bottles to the company's alcoholic product, which is alcoholic. The child who is raised on a non-alcoholic beverage tastes almost exactly like its alcohol-laden sister product is a candidate for the second product. He or she doesn't have to get used to the taste."

In fact, the presence of (alcoholic) pina colada and Irish cream liqueur in the home may be a further enticement, especially since these beverages are kept in the refrigerator, not the bar.

All psychologists agree that alcoholism is a function of exposure. You may suffer many of the same neuroses that are typical of the alcoholic, but if alcohol isn't a part of your milieu then you just don't take it up.

Also, says Eldar, because Israelis are relatively untrained about the dangers of alcohol, there are many misconceptions about the dangers of alcohol use and abuse.

"A lot of parents are so frightened that their young sons and daughters will use drugs," she explains, "that they actually encourage them to settle for a few drinks." In a survey of attitudes toward the use of alcohol carried out by the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research, the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the attitudes of many Israelis were "alarming," according to Eldar. Of those surveyed (all adult

Israelis), 46 per cent feel that alcohol helps improve one's mood. 38 per cent believe it helps overcome worries, 19 per cent think it helps one to be more socially acceptable. One-quarter of those surveyed do not believe that alcohol has any adverse effect on health, and 10 per cent even claimed it has no ill effect on the ability to drive a car unless "one is really drunk."

These misconceptions, Eldar believes, keep people from realizing that alcohol is an addictive drug.

"Some people cannot tolerate ethanol," she says. "Their bodies reject it and, therefore, it makes them ill. Others can tolerate it and can easily become addicted." Alcohol is also unique in that it is the only addictive drug where extreme tolerance for the drug develops before, not after, physical addiction.

Eldar, who works closely with Alcoholics Anonymous — a voluntary, mutual aid association for alcoholics — feels that this group, now well-represented in Israel, is of great help. In supporting the rehabilitated alcoholic.

As to programmes for prevention of alcoholism, Eldar says that there just isn't enough money. A bill, proposed in the Knesset last year that would have diverted a small part of the revenues the government gets from the sale of alcoholic beverages into a fund for the prevention of alcohol abuse and for rehabilitation purposes, was voted down. One of the principal opponents of the bill was Health Minister Eliezer Shostak. (This system, incidentally, is widely used abroad to fund such projects.)

"We need educational campaigns," Eldar stresses. "We need laws that make it illegal to push alcohol to the young, and we need enforcement of the existing laws. We also need funds for education, for information and for



"Someone forgot to put Pina Colada into his milk": Selling the idea of alcohol to children in Israeli advertising.

rehabilitation." Although teenage drinking is not yet the serious problem here that it is in the U.S., where almost all teenagers drive cars, it is becoming a serious cause for worry; alcoholism

is a communicable disease and it is spreading. At this time, studies show that two per cent of all Israelis drink every day, and five per cent, several times a week.

It is a cause for concern when 14 per cent of all Israelis admitted that they were very worried because either they or someone in their immediate family was drinking to excess.

FIVE CASES OF AIDS — the mysterious fatal disease that has reached epidemic proportions in America — have been confirmed in Israel. And the numbers are likely to grow as doctors here become more aware of the symptoms, Prof. Thomas Spira, one of the world's leading experts on the disease, said in a recent interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Spira, head of the Clinical Immunology Laboratory at the Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, is in Israel to lecture on the subject and make a full study of the known cases here. He was a guest of the Technion's Faculty of Medicine.

He gave one lecture on AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — at the Rambam Medical Centre and was also asked to speak to the Israel association of homosexuals. Male homosexuals are most at risk from the disease which is transmitted by sexual contact and blood contamination.

Spira has been investigating AIDS since it was first discovered in the U.S. in 1981. Inquiries revealed that there were incidences of it two years earlier; no occurrences were reported prior to 1979.

At first there were only a handful of AIDS cases, but then the numbers began to mount. At present the rate is doubling every six months. Spira said that 1,700 AIDS sufferers have been reported in America since 1979. Nearly 40 per

Battling an enigma

AIDS — the mysterious fatal disease which primarily attacks male homosexuals — has now appeared in Israel. The Post's David Rudge talks to AIDS expert Dr. Thomas Spira.

cent of them are already dead. Other cases have been detected in Europe, Canada, Central Africa and Haiti.

There is no known cure for the disease, according to Spira, and the prognosis for patients suffering from a severe form of it is very poor. "The mortality rate is already as high as 80 to 90 per cent, and people who have developed a severe form of the disease have a life expectancy of a maximum of three years," he says.

Despite intensive investigations, very little is known about AIDS.

"We believe that the immune deficiency is caused by a transmissible infectious agent, possibly a virus. As yet we have been unable to identify it and we have no specific diagnostic tests to check if somebody has been exposed to this agent."

"We don't know if this is a new agent, a mutation, or something that existed before in other countries that we just never heard about," says Spira. "It may even be an animal disease that has been passed on to humans."

"The disease appears to be transmitted sexually, or through blood transfusions, or intravenous injections, as in the case of drug addicts. We do have some child patients who we think inherited the disease from their mothers, who were either drug addicts or Haitians. There are also a few children who appear to have caught the disease through receiving blood transfusions."

Spira says that AIDS decreases one's ability to fight infection so that victims develop a variety of severe parasitic, fungal or viral infections which — in most cases — ultimately prove fatal. These infec-

tions include pneumonia, meningitis, skin cancer and blood poisoning. Another symptom of the disease is brownish-red to purple spots or lumps appearing on the body.

Some 90 per cent of America's AIDS victims are between the ages of 20 and 50. About 70 per cent of the known sufferers are homosexual males, 15 per cent are drug addicts, five per cent are Haitian immigrants, and one per cent are haemophiliacs. It is thought that AIDS in the latter cases was caused by the use of a special serum, manufactured in the U.S. that replaces the missing coagulant in haemophiliacs' blood.

Spira adds that the few cases thought to be caused by blood transfusions have caused a wave of hysteria in America with the result being that blood donations have dropped by up to 30 per cent.

"Actually there is absolutely no risk of catching the disease through a blood donation and the risk of exposure through a blood transfusion is also minimal — probably one in a million," he explains.

Nevertheless, the Centres for Disease Control has advised homosexuals not to donate blood for fear of transmitting the disease.

Spira says that the staff at the Centres is trying to keep track of all known AIDS cases throughout America and the rest of the world to build up its knowledge of the disease.



"Our aim is to discover if it is a new problem, the extent of it, and find the cause. Once we have established the cause, we can work on possible treatments."

He admits, however, that the discovery of the cause may still be a long way off. One of the main hopes for stemming the advance of AIDS lies in education: "That is one of the main purposes of my visit to Israel — to increase awareness of the disease which will in turn make diagnosis easier."

Spira says he knows of only five cases in Israel so far but he expects more to come to light.

"If the trend follows that in America, then we can expect to see more and more cases — not just here, but in the rest of the world."

The Israeli cases — which include at least one haemophiliac and one thought to be related to a blood transfusion — came to the attention of the Centres for Disease Control during a visit here by American doctors to investigate the collapse of Arab schoolgirls in Judea and Samaria.

During his visit, Spira met with Prof. Zvi Bentwich, of the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, and Prof. Dan Michaeli of Ichilov Hospital in Tel-Aviv, who are co-ordinating the research diagnosis and treatment of AIDS in Israel.

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Fate of the deaf under Hitler

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES / Tom Yugen

THE FIRST slide shows smiling students and alumni, posing in a standard group shot, in front of the Israeli Institute for the Deaf in East Berlin during the summer of 1933.

The second slide is of a simple plaque on the same building, inscribed in German: "From this house 146 deaf Jewish citizens were dragged by fascist bandits and murdered in 1942. A memorial to the dead. A reminder for the living."

Some 600 people — survivors and native-born Americans, the deaf and the hearing, Jewish and Christian friends — crammed the small auditorium of the Jewish Community Center. They had come to talk about the special fate of the deaf under the Nazis. The name of the three-hour program was "Crying Hands: Deaf Victims of the Holocaust — Recovering our Heritage." It was organized by Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf in suburban Los Angeles.

Magda Simon recalled how "at Auschwitz I got diphtheria and became hard of hearing. The camp doctor was Dr. Mengele. On my seventeenth birthday, three other prisoners gave me a slice of bread as a present. Some brave hearing prisoners saved the deaf by answering for them at roll call."

Marion Intrator signed with her hands and the interpreter translated: "I was born in Stuttgart and when I was two years old I became deaf. I studied at the Israeli Institute for the Deaf in Berlin. In 1938, my parents, my brother and my sister got visas to enter the United States. They couldn't take me along because the American government wouldn't admit deaf kids."

The director of the Institute, Dr. Felix Reich, told my parents to go ahead because he planned to escape with 11 children and would take me along. In July 1939, I went with Dr. Reich to Holland and then England. There I was put in a school for the deaf where they kept Jewish and Christian children apart.

"I didn't know where my parents were for three years. In 1942 they traced me and tried to bring me to America, but they still wouldn't let me in. Finally, toward the end of the war, my parents told the American authorities that I was trained as a farmer and I was admitted as a farmer."

MARGE KLUGMAN, the wife of the Temple Beth Solomon president, signed to the audience:

"Every deaf person is a survivor. We fight every day for communication and against discrimination. We beat the odds every day of our lives."

She introduced a presentation dramatizing the Yiddish songs and poems of the Warsaw Ghetto, with voice singers and actors and four young sign language actors. The impact, on a listener, was electrifying, for suddenly it seemed that the tragically familiar story of death and resistance was being told for the first time.

The mute actors figuratively embodied the ghetto with their riveting hands, faces and bodies, while the others' voices receded into the background, like a superimposed sound track on a superbly expressive silent film. In one segment, a Jewish mother gave her child to a Christian family, so it might survive. An actor told the words of the story, but it was the beautiful deaf girl, playing the mother, who was grief incarnate.

SO INDIFFERENT have historians been to the fate of Jewish and gentle deaf under the Nazis that only one person has seriously researched the subject. He is Prof. Horst Biesold of the University of Bremen in West Germany, a former teacher of the deaf, who has been instrumental in lobbying a law through the German Bundestag to grant compensation of \$2,000 to each deaf survivor.

As the main speaker of the afternoon, Biesold opened his talk with the slides of the old Institute for the Deaf in Berlin, and the plaque honouring its former members. Then, in precise accented English, he guided his audience through the special hell which the Nazis reserved for 1933 on for the Jews and gentiles who fell under the Law

for Preventing Congenitally Diseased Descendants.

Even before the beginning of the Holocaust, the road through hell was marked by that combination of mercilessness, bureaucratic punctilio and perverted language that characterized the Hitler regime.

"Aryan" and Jewish deaf were ordered to appear before "hereditary health judges" in almost all cases, the sentence was

forced sterilization, even if the victim had healthy hearing children, and abortion if the deaf mother was pregnant. The Nazis established a special transport service to take institutionalized deaf to observation or death camps, which was officially designated as the "Humanitarian Ambulance Company."

According to Biesold's calculations, 16,857 German deaf, mainly gentiles and teenagers, were sterilized, and 1,600 killed in death camps.

One of the bitterest ironies of the "racial hygiene" persecutions was that deaf Nazis, organized in the Reich Federation of the Deaf, took the lead in howling the equally handicapped Jews. For instance, the Berlin Deaf Athletic Association expelled one Erwin Stemmer for "maintaining close relationships with the Jews."

Even more incredible were the actions of most institutional directors and teachers of the deaf, who not only supported and enforced the laws against their charges, but often proposed even more humane steps to the authorities.

BIESOLD noted with considerable frustration that his efforts to research Nazi crimes against the deaf is meeting with bureaucratic indifference and outright hostility from present-day directors of German institutions for the deaf.

"Recently, I told one such director about my studies and shortly afterwards asked to see the school's archives," Biesold recounted. "He informed me that he had given orders the day before to destroy the records."

As Biesold spoke, an interpreter translated into American sign language, and again the familiar words took on new meaning and reality. When Biesold, in passing, mentioned Nazi laws against schizophrenics, the interpreter gestured a jagged vertical slash, splitting the brain and the body.

THE PROGRAMME ended with a simple interfaith memorial service conducted by three clergymen — a Jew, a Lutheran and a Catholic — who work with the deaf of their faiths.

The audience rose, a voice softly intoned *Kaddish*, and the rabbi, the minister and the priest joined their hands: *Yigdal Yehoshua Shemot Kaba*.

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TOLERANCE, ambition, dishonesty, compassion, tranquility, malice — they all show up on the board. After a recent weekend at The Jerusalem Post-sponsored Scrabble Contest at the Galei Kineret in Tiberias, one's views of human nature are considerably broadened.

There is, for example, a certain amount of — well, not exactly cheating, but certainly something balancing on the knife edge of sportsmanship.

There's the woman who grabs a handful of tiles, casts a saccade, or rapid-jerky movement of the eye, murmurs something about having picked up too many by mistake, and slides back those of the least value.

There's the man who, playing briskly and panting 20 or 30 points

behind, slows down for the last quarter of an hour so as to leave his opponent with a large penalty.

There are those who drum their fingers, whistle, kick the table leg or file their nails as an accompaniment to their opponent's concentration.

It's possible to go for a drink of water and on the way back let the glance fall carelessly on the opposing tiles.

One really desperate measure, when all the corners are taken and you've got only vowels, is to knock over a cup of coffee so that all the tiles are floating about in the liquid and the game is declared void.

OF COURSE, there are referees around to ensure fair play. Haim Haviv and Sam Orbaum, known as Scrabble Sam, are there to diffuse

A saccade in your eye

By HADASSAH BAT HAIM / Special to The Jerusalem Post

hysteria and to remind losers that it's only a game. Sam, a former Canadian, is the arbitrator. There is no appeal from his decisions, which are backed by the official Scrabble dictionary.

The dictionary, however, has remarkable flexibility. It is possible to invent a word which might be — or could be — or ought to be — allowed and actually find it there. For example, are people who cut things in half called halvers? The

Book confirms this lucky guess.

On the other hand, oxgang, defined in the Oxford as "as much land as can be plowed by anyone in one day," is missing. If kais, a tax paid in cattle or goods, is there, then oxgang should be. It's a word that might come up any time, surely everyone knows it. "Our house stands on an oxgang. How about yours?"

Other words, equally useful, are a little more difficult to work into the conversation. "Hey! Is your path lined with aa?" (a rough cinderly

lava), or aah (to which can be added -ed, -ing and -s). "There's an ai (a three-toed sloth) in that tree" or, "Ho! This room is somewhat foofaraw (over-decorated) don't you think?"

The Book, and accompanying sheets of two-letter words are taken very seriously. They stay under a number of pillows at night and in the daytime can be seen, clutched in intense fists, under a voice that mutters, "Li but not li, xi but not xi, ut. Om but not ut." At meals games are rehearsed and analyzed.

"From the first, I had the q and no u. I had to get rid of it for twelve." "Got out first with a bingo. Then I lost. Got careless, you see." In the intervals of the competition, private games go on all over the hotel. Not a moment must be wasted. The Tiberian antiquities beckon, the pool sparkles, the lake invites and the water skiers are a challenge, but the essential target is to get the z into a triple and not get stuck with the blank.

LONG-SUFFERING wives and husbands and other appendages are able to take advantage of these delights, while their obsessed partners hunch over the board. Eyes darting to and fro looking for an opening, hands shaking, mind carefully computing the number of i's that are out and how many remain. Win or lose, the relief from tension at the end of each session

leaves most of the contestants limp and light-headed.

As an offshoot of the contest, Scrabble clubs have been formed all over the country in English. More sociable than the telly and less strenuous than bridge, more people are putting down tiles in more places than ever before. It is addictive but not injurious to the health. It does nothing to improve the mind except possibly in the acquisition of vocabulary, especially of words containing z, x and v. It does tend to alienate non-players who may want some advice or a bit of ironing or a signature.

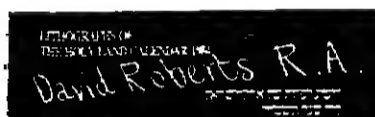
"No supper tonight. Mother's on the Scrabble again." Well, it's better than alcoholism. Scrabble players are mostly non-violent. And they can always express their feelings in words — as long as they are not longer than seven letters.

Scrabble players in Jerusalem



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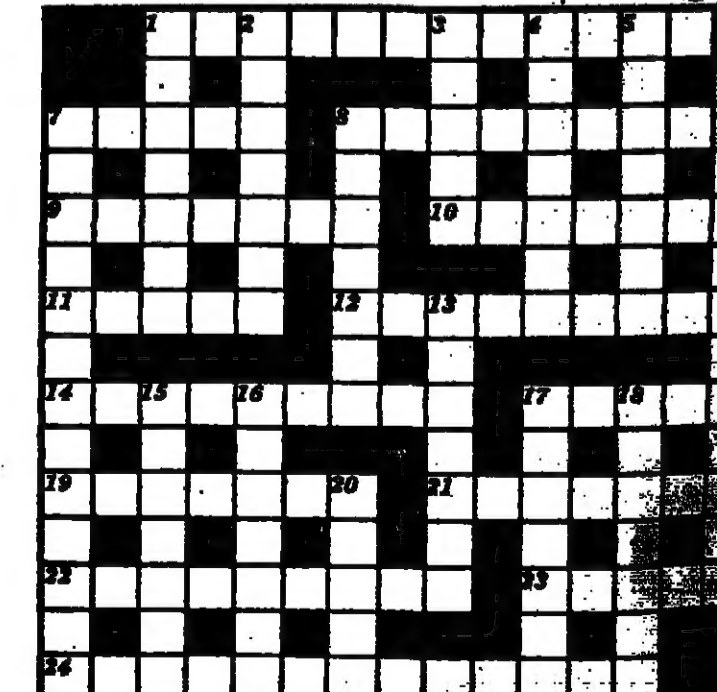
Cryptic

- ACROSS
- 1 Three get taper off old Russian leader (5, 3, 5)
 - 7 Guide for one producing beef (5)
 - 8 Made short work of US arms factory (9)
 - 9 Maybe wild man is highest of them all (7)
 - 10 Use it at wrong place (7)
 - 11 A dozen make two attempts to remove the batsman (5)
 - 12 It's not your business to try and influence affairs like this (9)
 - 14 Enslaves who drives to work (9)
 - 17 Taken from a side dish cooked with eggs (5)
 - 19 Heard from dogs' home at Battersea (a London district) (7)
 - 21 A group of star worshippers! (3, 4)
 - 22 We hear, not an approach of this sort! (9)
 - 23 Book captain to get fighter going (5)
 - 24 Works under surgeon-commander, a woman, in operations room (7, 6)

DOWN

- 1 A summary and a quarter, to be exact (7)
- 2 Used to make clothes lines (7)
- 3 March over them, to get their senses back! (5)
- 4 Galen first discovered how to make antiseptics sparkle (7)
- 5 But not how they get letters in mumble rock! (7)
- 6 Harry Pte been around, or Joey! (10, 3)
- 7 They're against the Government having its main responsibilities duplicated (6, 7)
- 8 Is speed-mad, so we feel contempt (7)
- 12 Charges sailor for Kipling poems, fellow seamen initially after (7)
- 15 Has pilots on board a ship used by divers (5, 4)
- 16 Most blond British judges are said to be (7)
- 17 This match point is to make sportsman richer! (7)
- 18 He mines a ship at sea (7)
- 20 When the Gauls attacked, their cries alarmed the Romans (5)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Quick puzzle.



'Quickie'

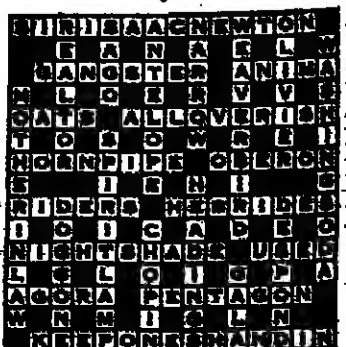
- ACROSS
- 1 Are for smashing doors (8-4)
 - 7 Wind instrument (5)
 - 8 A regular form of action (9)
 - 9 Ice natural object (7)
 - 10 More viscous (7)
 - 11 Notions (5)
 - 12 A number (9)
 - 14 A top prize (4, 5)
 - 17 To cast or haul (5)
 - 19 Causes thrills (7)
 - 21 To test... (7)
 - 22 ... And test-drives of machines (5, 4)
 - 23 Group under a quartermaster (5)
 - 24 Religious title (5, 8)

DOWN

- 1 Traveller's gear (7)
- 2 Ornaments for clothing (5-4)
- 3 Objects of worship (5)
- 4 "Ode on a — Urn" (7)
- 5 Rude (7)
- 6 Used to guide car, etc. (8)
- 7 A mountaineer's outfit (7, 6)
- 8 Worded in a specific way (7)
- 13 Low parts of the terrain (7)
- 15 Working with the tongue (7)

- 16 A sailor (7)
- 17 To tread down (7)
- 18 Ruled, as a monarch (7)
- 20 Tasty addition to food (5)

Yesterday's Solutions



Quick Solution
 ACROSS: 1 Pottery; 2 Rider; 3 B...
 DOWN: 1 Gals; 2 Sam; 3 B...
 15 Vals; 16 Sam; 17 B...
 18 Gals; 19 B...; 20 B...
 21 B...; 22 B...; 23 B...
 24 B...; 25 B...; 26 B...
 27 B...; 28 B...; 29 B...
 30 B...; 31 B...; 32 B...

Market ends week on upbeat

TEL AVIV. — After three sessions of distinct weakness this week, the share market on Wednesday and yesterday put in two winning sessions. However, there are no indications that the most recent upward movement is bringing investors back to the market place.

Over the past two weeks people have been busy buying dollars, either in cash or for their Patam accounts. To raise funds for these relatively massive purchases, estimated by some to be in the order of \$150 million, people sold equities and index-linked bonds. The Treasury, for its part, has shown little predilection for speeding up the devaluation of the shekel. Earlier this week the shekel was revalued by 15 agorot. Yesterday it tacked on five agorot since the beginning of July its total rate of devaluation is exactly 6.5%.

The index-linked bond market was very quiet yesterday, with only some \$153m. changing hands as prices moved within a narrow range.

Looking more closely at yesterday's trading, one notes that the highly volatile price action favoured rising shares. There were 42 securities which advanced by 5% or

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By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

more. Of these two were "buyers only." On the negative side there were two "sellers only" situations, while 32 securities fell by margins of more than 5%.

The General Share Index, excluding commercial banks, was up by 0.76%. All sectors of trading, with the exception of service and trade issues, wound up on the upside.

The land development, real estate and citrus group was the best performer. On a sectoral basis these shares were ahead by 1.73%.

Commercial bank shares enjoyed their best session of the week. The Big Three banks maintained their 0.3% daily gains. United Mizrahi and Union Bank added on 0.4%, while Israel General was tacking on a 0.5% advance. Maritime Bank 0.1 shares gained 2% while the Finance and Trade Bank shares were more than 2.5% higher. The First International Bank shares, in what appeared to be a delayed reaction to

good financial semi-annual results, posted a 7.3% gain. FIBI was up by 3%. The shares of the North American Bank did not trade as the bank announced that it is planning a rights issue aimed at raising the shekel equivalent of \$7.5m.

Mortgage bank issues advanced moderately, with gains of up to 3% throughout the sector.

Shilton, with a 5% gain, was the only significant riser in an otherwise dormant specialized financial institutions group.

Insurance issues were mostly higher, but the gains were relatively minor.

Service and trade issues trended slightly lower. Cold Storage 0.1 was down by 5.3%, while Magor was easing by 5.2%. Recently issued Ya'nevi was noted to pop up to the "buyers only" list. Cold Bonded 0.1 was the best upside mover, with a full 10% gain. Trading was held yesterday in Super-Sol rights and they were established at 12, marking a two-point premium over their base price of 10. The Super-Sol A shares were 8.7%.

Industrials were volatile and provided what little fireworks there were at yesterday's session. Alliance Trade continued to sag and absorbed a 10% loss. Elbit was unchanged and Elron was up by 1.5%. Bar-Ton 5.0 was strong and posted a rise of 9.9%. Dubek (b) slipped by 6.4%. Clal Electronics was a full 10% advanced. Rogosin Industries, local manufacturers of nylon yarns, saw their share climb by nearly 10%.

Investment company issues generally trended higher. The Incobeco securities had a bad day as the shares were "sellers only." Trading was held in Incobeco rights. The rights were traded at 5, a 15-point drop from their pre-established base. The Israel Corporation shares were fractionally higher. Clal Industries was up by more than 4% to 600.

Sabrilon filed a prospectus with the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange covering a first-time financing issue aimed at raising \$55m. Sabrilon is the legal framework into which three companies were merged — Sabrilon, Hebrion Industries and Yaronia. The latter two concerns specialize in the twisting of nylon and polyester into stretch yarns.

Western creditors to talks on aid for Poland

PARIS (Reuters). — Barely one week after Poland ended martial law, its western creditor countries will discuss here today whether to lift an 18-month ban on helping it out of its huge debt problem.

The talks are likely to decide if the end to martial law goes far enough for western governments to reopen talks on easing Poland's problems by spreading repayments

over longer periods, diplomatic sources said.

Poland owes around \$26 billion to the non-Communist world, of which around 17b. is due to governments and the rest to private commercial banks.

Repayments to governments due in 1982 totalled around \$2.4b. and the sources said a similar amount was due in 1983.

British coal board reports big loss

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's National Coal Board, reporting a £10 million (\$170 m.) loss for 1982-83, yesterday emphasized that un-economic pits must close.

Its annual report said "this burden" would be tackled with determination, an approach which could mean conflict with the 200,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers which has launched a save-out-pits campaign.

The report added: "It cannot be right that a small proportion of our total output, mined from persistently unprofitable pits with no prospect of viability, should be responsible for the greater part of both surplus output and financial losses."

The state-owned board said the most expensive 12 per cent of coal came from worn-out pits which last year cost £275m.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

July 28, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	50.5901
British sterling	77.3017
German mark	19.2702
French franc	6.4097
Dutch guilder	17.2427
Swiss franc	23.9027
Swedish krona	6.5480
Norwegian krone	6.8793
Danish krone	5.3627
Finnish mark	8.9986
Canadian dollar	41.0218
Australian dollar	44.6028
South African rand	46.1183
Belgian franc (10)	9.6325
Austrian schilling (10)	27.4313
Italian lire (1,000)	3.2527
Japanese yen (100)	21.0188
Jordanian dinar	139.63
Lebanese pound	11.56
Egyptian pound	45.7840

Most active stocks

Ma'agret Beniya	105	18,018	+35
Leumi	1380	4,002.2	+3
First Int'l	590	3,827.9	+40
Shilton	1548	15,487.0m	—
Conventim	1511	15,111.0m	—
Bond	1513	15,130.0m	—

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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES
		PURCHASE, SALE	PURCHASE, SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	50.3371	50.4430
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	76.8697	77.6423
GERMANY	MARK	19.1807	19.3614
FRANCE	FRANC	6.3806	6.4448
HOLLAND	GULDEN	17.1477	17.3300
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	23.7640	24.0029
SWEDEN	KRONA	6.5144	6.5799
NORWAY	KRONA	6.8439	6.9127
DENMARK	KRONA	5.3357	5.3893
FINLAND	MARK	8.9551	9.0452
CANADA	DOLLAR	40.8215	41.2319
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	44.3733	44.8193
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	45.8735	46.3346
BELGIUM	FRANC	9.5908	9.6862
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING 10	27.3125	27.5871
ITALY	LIRE 1000	32.3648	32.6402
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Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.			
US\$	Selling	Buying	
DM	20.8420	20.3370	
Swiss FR	19.3665	19.1738	
Switzerland	24.0222	23.7891	
France FR	77.8881	76.5149	
Canada C\$	8.4448	8.3985	
Denmark Dk	12.3289	12.1564	
Austrian S\$ (10)	27.8311	27.5750	
Swedish KR	6.5727	6.5072	
Danish KR	5.3788	5.3252	
Norwegian KR	5.8944	5.8258	
Finnish MK	9.0339	8.9440	
Canadian S\$	41.2168	40.8066	
Australian S\$	44.8206	44.3745	
Belgian C\$ (10)	5.6770	5.5807	
Belgian F\$ (10)	9.6221	9.5283	
Yen (100)	21.1252	20.8149	
Italian Lira (1000)	32.7070	32.3814	

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US\$	1.5280/70	per \$	
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Swiss FR	2.1155/65	per \$	
French FR	7.8850/80	per \$	
Italian Lira	1562.00/80	per \$	
Deutch G	240.70/80	per \$	
Yen	240.70/80	per \$	
Norwegian KR	7.3750/60	per \$	
Danish KR	9.4510/40	per \$	
Swedish KR	7.7340/70	per \$	

FORWARD RATES:			
1 m.	3 m.	6 m.	
S/\$	1.5283/77	1.5287/88	1.5297/92
DM/\$	2.8158/88	2.8277/92	2.8423/93
Sw. F/\$	2.1067/82	2.0880/85	2.0585/85

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Commercial Banks																			
IDB p	33100	802	+11	+3	Major 0.1	210	16	+5	+2.4	Argaman p.r.	995	42	n.c.	—	Kedem Chem	311	147	+4	+1
IDB B	3667	302	—	—	Major 0.5	165	68	—	—5.2	Argaman r	1400	23	n.c.	—	Kedem Chem op	229	20	—	—
IDB p.A	3716	59	+21	+6	Mingor op 1	655	—	—	—	Aryt	1146	30	+36	+2.3	King 1	388	—	—	—
IDB op 11	2640	19	n.c.	—	Bond Ware 0.1	475	61	+25	+10.0	Aryt op	1172	24	—5	—2.8	King op 1	244	14	+10	+4.4
Union r	2763	139	+10	+4	Bond Ware 0.5	159	177	n.c.	—	Ata B 1.0	119	479	+3	+2.6	Kil 1.0	278	25	+9	+4.4
Union op 4 r	—	—	—	—	Yahalom	112	655	+2	+2.3	Ata C 0.1	210	—	+20	+5.0	Kil 2.0	174	20	+4	+2.4
Discount r	4886	88	+12	+3	Yahalom op 1	150	170	+10	+7.1	Tadir op 1	2255	—	+1	—	Kat 1.0	458	31	—	—
Discount op 2	4886	68	+12	+3	Nikuv 1.0	302	54	—2	—1.9	Bar-Ton 1	218	—	+10	+4.9	Kat 2.0	415	—	—	—
Discount B	525	72	n.c.	—	Nikuv op 1	120	—	—	—	Bar-Ton 5	117	769	+10	+9.9	Kat 3.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi r	1433	765	+6	+4	Consort. Hold.	270	4	+20	+8.0	Bar-Ton op	84	72	—3	—1.3	Kat 4.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 3	1543	100	+6	+4	Consort. op C	123	95	+7	+6.0	Bar-Ton op 2	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 5.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 6	12290	—	—	—	Kopel 1	188	—	—	—	Bar-Ton op 3	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 6.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 9	—	—	—	—	Kopel 5	85	55	+10	+1.1	Bar-Ton op 4	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 7.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 11	1910	35	n.c.	—	Kopel 10	335	18	+15	+4.7	Bar-Ton op 5	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 8.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 13	2150	31	+10	+4	Rapac 0.1	373	36	+31	+9.0	Bar-Ton op 6	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 9.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 15	2380	2	n.c.	—	Rapac 0.5	673	80	n.c.	—	Bar-Ton op 7	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 10.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 17	2610	36	+7	+3	Rapac 1.0	1755	—	—	—	Bar-Ton op 8	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 11.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 19	2840	72	+15	+2.0	Supersed 2	135	100	+1	+1.3	Bar-Ton op 9	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 12.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 21	3070	118	+15	+2.0	Supersed 5	1055	518	+100	+8.7	Bar-Ton op 10	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 13.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 23	3300	187	+5	+1.3	Time 1	1234	108	+14	+2.0	Bar-Ton op 11	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 14.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 25	3530	239	+7	+3	Time 5	405	15	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 12	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 15.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 27	3760	36	+7	+3	Time op	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 13	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 16.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 29	3990	36	+7	+3	Time op 2	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 14	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 17.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 31	4220	36	+7	+3	Time op 3	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 15	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 18.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 33	4450	36	+7	+3	Time op 4	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 16	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 19.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 35	4680	36	+7	+3	Time op 5	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 17	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 20.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 37	4910	36	+7	+3	Time op 6	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 18	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 21.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 39	5140	36	+7	+3	Time op 7	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 19	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 22.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 41	5370	36	+7	+3	Time op 8	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 20	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 23.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 43	5600	36	+7	+3	Time op 9	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 21	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 24.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 45	5830	36	+7	+3	Time op 10	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 22	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 25.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 47	6060	36	+7	+3	Time op 11	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 23	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 26.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 49	6290	36	+7	+3	Time op 12	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 24	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 27.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 51	6520	36	+7	+3	Time op 13	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 25	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 28.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 53	6750	36	+7	+3	Time op 14	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 26	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 29.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 55	6980	36	+7	+3	Time op 15	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 27	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 30.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 57	7210	36	+7	+3	Time op 16	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 28	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 31.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 59	7440	36	+7	+3	Time op 17	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 29	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 32.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 61	7670	36	+7	+3	Time op 18	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 30	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 33.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 63	7900	36	+7	+3	Time op 19	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 31	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 34.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 65	8130	36	+7	+3	Time op 20	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 32	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 35.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 67	8360	36	+7	+3	Time op 21	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 33	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 36.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 69	8590	36	+7	+3	Time op 22	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 34	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 37.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 71	8820	36	+7	+3	Time op 23	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 35	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 38.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 73	9050	36	+7	+3	Time op 24	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 36	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 39.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 75	9280	36	+7	+3	Time op 25	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 37	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 40.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 77	9510	36	+7	+3	Time op 26	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 38	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 41.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 79	9740	36	+7	+3	Time op 27	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 39	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 42.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 81	9970	36	+7	+3	Time op 28	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 40	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 43.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 83	10200	36	+7	+3	Time op 29	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 41	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 44.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 85	10430	36	+7	+3	Time op 30	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 42	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 45.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 87	10660	36	+7	+3	Time op 31	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 43	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 46.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 89	10890	36	+7	+3	Time op 32	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 44	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 47.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 91	11120	36	+7	+3	Time op 33	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 45	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 48.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 93	11350	36	+7	+3	Time op 34	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 46	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 49.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 95	11580	36	+7	+3	Time op 35	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 47	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 50.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 97	11810	36	+7	+3	Time op 36	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 48	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 51.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 99	12040	36	+7	+3	Time op 37	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 49	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 52.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 101	12270	36	+7	+3	Time op 38	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 50	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 53.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 103	12500	36	+7	+3	Time op 39	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 51	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 54.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 105	12730	36	+7	+3	Time op 40	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 52	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 55.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 107	12960	36	+7	+3	Time op 41	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 53	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 56.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 109	13190	36	+7	+3	Time op 42	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 54	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 57.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 111	13420	36	+7	+3	Time op 43	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 55	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 58.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 113	13650	36	+7	+3	Time op 44	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 56	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 59.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 115	13880	36	+7	+3	Time op 45	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 57	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 60.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 117	14110	36	+7	+3	Time op 46	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 58	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 61.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 119	14340	36	+7	+3	Time op 47	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 59	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 62.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 121	14570	36	+7	+3	Time op 48	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 60	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 63.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 123	14800	36	+7	+3	Time op 49	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 61	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 64.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 125	15030	36	+7	+3	Time op 50	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 62	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 65.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 127	15260	36	+7	+3	Time op 51	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 63	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 66.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 129	15490	36	+7	+3	Time op 52	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 64	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 67.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 131	15720	36	+7	+3	Time op 53	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 65	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 68.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 133	15950	36	+7	+3	Time op 54	460	—	+10	+2.2	Bar-Ton op 66	100	77	—3	—1.3	Kat 69.0	415	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 135	16180	36	+7	+3	Time op 55	460	—	+10	+2.2										

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A RESOLUTE filibuster staged by the Alignment's Yair Tsaban as the Knesset's summer session drew to a close this week prevented the passage of a legislative measure that would have amounted to blatant discrimination against the country's Arab citizens. But the battle has not yet been won. The large-families bill will be taken up again by parliament during the summer recess, in two or three weeks' time.

The bill was not conceived in the spirit of such discrimination. Its *raison d'être* is rather to be sought in the political needs of Tami, the bill's sponsor. The country's first moderately successful ethnic party, made up largely of politicians whose own "roots" are in North Africa, Tami has been working hard to "do right" by that part of the population it considers its natural constituency.

This Jewish group tends to have large families. Thus Tami has made its continued support of the Begin government conditional on the passage of legislation that would grant supplementary financial assistance to families with four children and more and whose monthly earnings do not exceed \$180,000. The intention to buy the votes of those families was half-concealed by the claim that the measure was meant to boost the birthrate of Israeli Jews, which is one of the lowest in the world.

If this is the purpose of the bill, it will certainly not be achieved. The findings of research in several countries that have adopted similar legislation suggest that grants on the order of magnitude provided in the Tami proposal have no influence whatever on the decision of couples to have more children. If the financing of cheap school supplies to children of large families is to be justified — as it obviously must, since the total cost to the Treasury, strapped for cash as it is, would nevertheless be considerable — then such justification cannot be found in the demographic argument.

But since the ostensible purpose of the bill is to encourage the Jewish birthrate, it should not, logically, benefit Israeli Arabs, whose birthrate is one of the highest in the world — and who account for nearly one half of all families with four children and more.

However, such outright discrimination against Arab children could not, of course, be countenanced by the Knesset. The problem could theoretically be solved by linking the special large families benefits to the army service of some family member. Israeli Arabs are not expected to serve in the army, and there is no alternative available to them in the form of national service. On the other hand, a system of children's allowances for ex-servicemen was instituted as far back as 1970, and it has provided for equivalent benefits to yeshiva students, who like the Arabs are exempt from conscription.

When, however, the Knesset last March propounded a scheme of benefits for large families that would apply to army veterans and to yeshiva students alone, parliament was rapped on the knuckles by the High Court.

In an effort to avoid a judicial challenge to the new bill, Tami agreed that it would apply to all citizens without distinction. It was in this form that the bill was cleared by the cabinet for presentation to the Knesset. On Monday the bill passed its first reading.

Then came the committee stage, and advocates of higher Jewish fertility in the Likud, the NRP and Tehiya saw to it that an army service rider should be attached to the bill. It was this version whose passage Mr. Tsaban managed, for the time being, to thwart with his filibuster. That is the version which, must still be defeated if the Knesset is not to dishonour itself with an act of rank discrimination.

BACK IN FAVOUR

By WOLF BLITZER

AN ISRAELI who participated in the U.S.-Israeli talks this past week contrasted them to earlier visits when relations were not so good. "It was a pleasure for once to discuss all of the issues affecting our two countries without any really burning differences of opinion," he said.

That does not mean by any means that the two governments are in full agreement on everything. What it does mean is that the Reagan administration and the Begin government are willing to try very hard to work together in the face of the apparently worsening mess in Lebanon and the many political as well as physical dangers facing President Amin Jemayel.

There is deep concern that Jemayel and his supporters, currently in control of only 10 per cent of the country, may not survive unless joint U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese steps are taken very soon.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir made a relatively good team together. They seemed to work together well. The American-educated Arens spoke English better. He also was a more familiar face, having served as Israel's ambassador in Washington. But together, they did not embarrass Israel.

The Americans would have liked to see Prime Minister Menachem Begin also come — together with Arens and Shamir. That trio would have suited Washington just fine. But the Americans understand that Begin's doctors were not exactly thrilled to see the premier undertake the tiresome transatlantic ordeal right now.

What the administration would not have liked — given the many items which had to be covered in considerable detail — would have been for Begin to have come alone. The progress in narrowing U.S.-Israeli differences on the next necessary steps in Lebanon which was achieved would probably not have been made if Begin had made a solo flight.

It is difficult to imagine Begin at this point spending five-and-a-half hours on Tuesday and another seven-and-a-half hours the next day across the table from Shultz reviewing the most critical issues facing Israel's security — all after very little sleep the night before because of the flight.

Arens and Shamir, despite the stress and the lack of sleep, actually looked robust.

WHEN THE TWO repeatedly insisted that there was absolutely no U.S. pressure on them to change the redeployment plans in Lebanon or

to take certain other steps, they were telling the truth.

The Reagan administration — having been badly burned by Syria's refusal to remove its forces from Lebanon after earlier promising to do so — was in no mood to force Israel into anything. Still, Shultz and his team did raise all sorts of scenarios with Shamir and Arens in the hope that all those brains — working together could come up with an acceptable strategy to force a Syrian change of heart.

The discussions took on a note of urgency because the new U.S. special Middle East envoy, Robert McFarlane, was about to leave for an initial swing through the Middle East.

His major destination is Damascus. Intensive U.S. discussions with Israel and Lebanon have just been held, and the Americans are assuming he will be welcomed in Syria, as opposed to Philip Habib. There is no guarantee, however.

The mindset of the administration right now — slightly more than one year before the U.S. presidential elections — is to maintain strong, close ties with Israel. This was obvious in the talks this week.

It should remain obvious in the months ahead even if the U.S. and Israel do not necessarily agree on every detail in the search for an end to the quagmire in Lebanon. What is impressive is that both countries are finally at least on the same wave length — something sorely lacking in recent months.

PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan was clearly hoping to reach specific conclusions with Arens and Shamir on the next best steps in the search for a solution to the situation in Lebanon. White House officials said an agreed U.S.-Israeli approach was absolutely essential to the success of McFarlane's mission to the Middle East.

But there were still some potential areas of conflict between Washington and Jerusalem, as was underlined on Wednesday night by NBC News diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb. He reported details of what he said was a new U.S. proposal that would include the planned Israeli redeployment in Lebanon as part of a broader timetable leading to the total Israeli withdrawal to the international border.

By the time Shamir and Arens had arrived at the State Department, Kalb said, it was clear the Americans had dropped their earlier intention of trying to pressure Israel into delaying the redeployment or changing it.

The partial pullback is now expected to start next week and to be

The Friday Dry Bones



concluded over the next three months — just before the winter months set in.

"But for now," Kalb continued, "Shultz wants the Israelis to declare publicly that this pullback is a first step in a phased withdrawal of Israeli troops to the international border, according to a set timetable."

The first phase of the redeployment would bring Israel down to the Awar River, Kalb said. "Then, the U.S. says further south for Israel to the Zaharani River; then to the Litani River; and finally south of the border."

Kalb continued: "But according to this American idea, Israeli units would be able to stay in eastern Lebanon, in the Bekaa Valley, which they now share uneasily with the Syrian Army, until such time as Syria agrees to withdraw also."

Other well-informed diplomatic sources agreed that the Americans were differentiating between Israeli positions in the Bekaa as opposed to elsewhere in Southern Lebanon — the latter seen as less crucial to Israeli security interests.

WHAT THE Americans wanted was some solid evidence from Israel that the initial redeployment would not merely set the stage for the *de facto* partition of Lebanon — as feared by Jemayel and others. That is why Washington would like a clear statement including the redeployment into the bigger withdrawal picture.

Kalb said McFarlane hoped to encourage talks between Israel and Syria "for a disengagement of forces" in the Bekaa Valley, "which

can work only if Syria agrees to talk on the basis of these American ideas — and that is by no means likely."

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner, asked to comment on the Kalb report, flatly denied that the Americans had asked Israel to accept any set timetable.

"There is no timetable," he said. What Washington would like, Pazner conceded, would be for Israel to state that its redeployment was part of an eventually total withdrawal. Israel, Pazner added, would agree to issue such a statement.

On leaving the State Department on Wednesday night, Shamir also was asked about reports of a requested U.S. timetable.

The foreign minister simply replied that such a timetable was "not connected to the redeployment project." Shamir, who refused to elaborate, once again rejected suggestions that the Americans were pressuring Israel: "There was no pressure — nor was there any effort to influence or change our plans," he said.

DESPITE POTENTIAL differences, there clearly was a very good atmosphere in Washington during the Arens-Shamir visit. The ministers were received warmly and enthusiastically. There was absolutely no bitterness behind the scenes — as there certainly would have been only a few months ago when tensions between Washington and Jerusalem were rather high.

Indeed, Secretary of State George Shultz and even Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger have

come recently around to see Israel in a more positive light.

Personally, they both like Arens. They also respect Shamir. All of which proves how important personalities can be in making a difference in international relations. Both U.S. officials openly disliked former defence minister Ariel Sharon. That factor alone often spilled over in a negative way and affected the overall texture of American-Israeli ties.

Israel this past week sent over a high-powered team of political and military specialists to discuss the situation in Lebanon and other regional and bilateral issues with the top American leadership, including Reagan himself.

According to all accounts, the Israeli team came well prepared; it had nothing to be ashamed of. The administration was full of praise for Israel's willingness to take U.S. positions into consideration and for its readiness to discuss all sorts of possibilities.

"Terrific," said Ambassador Samuel Lewis when asked about the talks. "Really, they have been going very well indeed. Really very well."

The visit confirmed that *The Wall Street Journal* was very much on target a week before the visit when it wrote that Israel had returned to Washington's "favour." U.S. officials said Israel was finally behaving like the "strategic asset" Reagan had talked about during the 1980 U.S. presidential campaign.

In short, it was a good moment for Israel in Washington.

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READERS' LETTERS

FISCAL CRIMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Both editorials and articles on the foreign debt of the country ignore its history.

When the Likud came to power, the foreign debt was some 11 billion dollars. Today it is 21 billion. What did the billions of the Likud "buy" in comparison with the 11 billion debt accumulated in 30 years by Labour governments? The Labour billions paid for the War of Independence, the Suez Campaign, the War of Attrition, the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. They paid a substantial part of the cost of settling some 1 1/2 million immigrants, building cities, moshavim and kibbutzim; they paid for hundreds and hundreds of schools, a university system, a road network, a huge military industry. That debt of 11 billion paid for building and defending the State of Israel.

Even taking into account the difference in the purchasing power of the dollar over the entire period of time involved, we can see what paltry benefits we have obtained from the Likud's 10 billion dollars of debt. Part of it went for the

relocation of the armed forces from Sinai and part for the Lebanese War. But the bulk was squandered — it went for cars in a land with excellent public transport; for extravagant payments to the evacuees from Sinai; for colour TVs at pre-election price reductions; for foreign trips at subsidized exchange rates for 10 per cent of the population, year after year. And it is going into West Bank settlements for suburban commuters who are our latter-day "pioneers," but only if the price is right.

Now, the regime responsible for these fiscal crimes blames all on Aritor. What did he and Ehrlich before him do to which the cabinet objected? And why did they push out Hurvitz, who wanted to stop the picking up of the public pocket? Whatever the shortcomings of the Labour governments, the surrender of the Treasury to private greed and administrative incompetence was not among them. Don't blame Aritor; the fault is with a predatory regime eating up the substance created by its predecessors.

SAMUEL DUKER

Jerusalem.

EFFICIENCY SURVEYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Isn't it amazing that as soon as the Minister of Finance, or in fact anyone, starts talking about cuts in the government budget, the various ministers react strongly. They point out that there is no room to cut and, should cuts be forced on them, they prophesy dire results in terms of reduction of service to the poor suffering population of the State of Israel.

It is difficult to believe that, in organizations the size of the various government ministries, there is no room at all for saving or improving efficiency.

The paradox of the matter is that the apparently efficient companies continually spend time and money in making savings. Clearly the savings must be greater than the investment of time and money. One well documented case relates to Marks & Spencers — acknowledged to be one of the world's most efficient retailers. During the late 1950's, in one such project, they managed to eliminate 26 million forms in annual use.

YITZHAK GREENWALD

Givatayim.

NARROW-MINDEDNESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — One need not be suspected of right-wing, ultra-nationalist tendencies to think that songwriter Haim Hefer has obviously taken leave of his senses. Instead of going to court over the Betar movement's inclusion of some of his songs in their songbook, he ought to have felt gratified that the "spirit of the Palmach and the Hagana" is now acceptable to the youth wing of Herut.

Apart from displaying a petty, mean-spirited attitude, Hefer is creating an ominous precedent. Let us hope that Naomi Shemer and Akiva Nof will not take similar action against left-wing youth movements that print or teach their songs, for fear that this will "diminish their value." Should observant Jews also seek legal redress if Hashomer Hatzair or Dror have ever published songs by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach or others of religious-liturgical origin?

Haim Hefer may have shared this year's Israel Prize on the strength of his lyrical creativity, but he evidently did not merit any award for broad-mindedness.

Dr. GABRIEL SIVAN

Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

LAST NOVEMBER, Arie Oriewski, public relations director of the town of Yeroham, visited the memorial exhibition at Bergen-Belsen, final resting place of some members of his family. He was surprised to find that the explanations accompanying the permanent display were posted solely in German. Since Bergen-Belsen receives many foreign visitors and is close to an American NATO base, this seemed a curious lapse. On his return to Israel, Oriewski informed Yad Vashem of the situation.

Exactly a month later, Benjamin Armon, director of Yad Vashem, forwarded Oriewski a copy of a letter he had received from the Commemoration and Information Dept. at Gedenkstätte Bergen-Belsen. The letter (in German) took note of the situation and promised to consider posting explanations in other languages when the next exhibition at Bergen-Belsen is mounted.

Since the exhibition Oriewski had seen is a permanent one, this seemed a peculiar response. Oriewski therefore wrote on March 3 to the minister of the interior in Hannover, which has jurisdiction over Bergen-Belsen. He informed him of the situation, offering as well to see to it that translation and publishing expenses would be covered by the Jewish community in Germany, with whom Oriewski has contacts, and offering his own services to translate the material into Hebrew.

The reply from Hannover is dated April 19, 1983. It contains only four lines of German and an undecipherable signature. It states again that when a new exhibition is mounted at Bergen-Belsen, the matter will be reconsidered. There the matter stands. H.C.

TIGHTWAD. London Bricklayer Bill Broadhurst was so mean that he refused to have a honeymoon, never bought his wife, Thelma, a present and refused to take her out in 36 years of marriage. He also made his wife pay for the petrol he used driving her to work in a ruin, charged her £5 for his labour in painting the livingroom ceiling, made their married daughter pay 5 pence for hot water if she came around for a shower, and ordered his family to give him 50 pence a week for electricity when they watched TV.

"He is very selfish and insensitive. It's incredible the marriage lasted so long," said Judge Sir Michael Eastham in London's high court after hearing testimony in the couple's divorce suit.

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